



Shock for villagers as their pub calls last orders

RESIDENTS in a village have been left outraged by the shock closure of their only pub.

The Kings Head in Meifod, near Welshpool, which had been run by temporary landlords in recent months on behalf of Admiral Taverns, was boarded up on Saturday, after closing earlier in the week.

The closure has shocked the com-

munity, with many residents calling for a reversal of the decision. Village resident Katherine Gilmour said the closure was a "sad shame" for the community.

She said: "It's come totally out the blue for everyone because in recent months things had been on the up. Admiral Taverns had brought in temporary landlords who were doing a

great job and they were really happy with the pub, and actually said they'd have been happy to carry on.

"The temporary landlords had started running regular coffee mornings, quiz nights, all sorts of different events, as well as serving good food and good beer.

"There was a really lovely community feel and people were starting to

use the pub more, so it's a real sad shame that it's all been cut short, especially before the summer and tourist trade would have started to come in."

She suggested the community could show its love for the public house by joining together to form a cooperative, which could lead to the pub being run by villagers.

Neal Barnes, a spokesman for Admiral Taverns, said: "From time to time we have to review where a pub fits within our portfolio.

"Unfortunately, we do not believe the Kings Head has a long-term future as a part of our business and as such we will be putting the pub on the market for sale over the coming weeks."

BANKS

NatWest urged to reconsider move to close branches

CALLS are being made for banking giant NatWest to reconsider closing its Mid Wales branches later this year.

The bank has announced it would be closing its Welshpool branch on September 27, its Butha Wells branch on October 10 and its Machynlleth branch on October 12.

News of the closures have been met with strong opposition from the local community, with Russell George, Assembly Member for Montgomeryshire, calling the news a "big blow" for the region.

He said: "This is another big blow for Montgomeryshire and follows a series of bank closures in recent years – from Montgomery and Llanidloes to Llanfair Caereinion and Machynlleth.

"While the decision to maintain a branch is ultimately a commercial decision for the banks, when I meet with NatWest bosses, I will be forcefully making the point that mobile or online banking doesn't always replace permanent over the counter facilities, especially given the fact that the quality and reliability of mobile coverage and broadband speeds in parts of Montgomeryshire is still poor or non-existent.

"Until an alternative solution is in place which is satisfactory to communities in Mid Wales, I urge NatWest to defer its decision to close its branches in Welshpool and Machynlleth."

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EMERGENCY

Fire crews are sent to chip shop blaze

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to a fish and chip shop after a fire started in the kitchen.

The fire happened at Whittington Fish Bar on Station Road in the village near Oswestry, shortly after 4.15pm on Sunday.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service described the fire as small and said it started in the kitchen area. Two crews from Oswestry attended. They used two sets of breathing apparatus, one hose reel jet and a thermal imaging camera to deal with the incident. The crews managed to get the fire under control within 15 minutes.

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PLEA MADE FOR MARKET SUPPORT

Report by Sue Austin

A RALLYING call has been issued this week for traders and shoppers to back Oswestry's outdoor market.

The number of stalls at the Wednesday and Saturday markets have slumped in recent months.

But the clear message this week is that the market does have a future – if both traders and shoppers give it a chance. Town Councillor Amanda Woof, who runs Auntie Mo's scotch egg stall on the market, said: "If we can attract more traders then that will attract more shoppers. If there are more shoppers then that will attract more traders. It saddens me that some traders don't give the market a chance. They might come for two or three weeks but as a marketeer you have to build up your customers and persevere."

She said she was pleased that the new monthly Artisan Market was building a steady increase in stallholders. Councillor Woof said: "The town council has a lot of initiatives to encourage shoppers and traders. There are antiques and other speciality markets and on Good Friday there will be a special family market."

Sarah Probert, business lecturer at North Shropshire College, said: "Oswestry's markets are the lifeblood to Oswestry with their fantastic array of local producers, quality craftspeople, as well as offering young people and new business people those valuable first steps into business.

"As a town, traders, businesses and shoppers need to celebrate our markets because rather than compete with our local businesses, they actually complement them and I think with the Artisan Market running further into the town, that actually encourages people into areas of town they might usually bypass."

Mrs Probert also revealed that Footfall, the community partnership which uses empty spaces for a range of community exhibitions, is due to be relaunched next month.

She said it would be relaunched as Friends of Oswestry Retail on April 25.

The relaunch will take place at 5.45pm in the boardroom at North Shropshire College.

Sparks fly as historic conflict is remembered



The French engage the British at the re-enactment event at Whittington Castle near Oswestry. Photo: John Sambrooks.

SPARKS were flying at a village castle near Oswestry – all in the name of history.

Whittington Castle was turned into the Portuguese garrison of Almedia which was besieged in 1810 during the Napoleonic wars.

More than 100 people took part in the re-enactment of the storming of the garrison over the weekend.

Castle manager Sue Ellis described the weekend as a "fantastic success".

She said: "We really couldn't have asked for a better weekend. The sun has been shining, we've seen lots of families here especially with it being Mothering Sunday this weekend. It's been fantastic. As well as the storming of the garrison we had drill displays, living history

and even a surgeon explaining the grisly details of battlefield surgery.

"I'd say the highlight of the weekend had to be the main battle, the explosive grand finale when there was a leak of gunpowder from the castle magazine, which was lit by a spark and blew up the castle."

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Nurse who changed notes is suspended for six months

Report by Naomi Penrose

A HOSPITAL nurse who changed the medical notes of a teenage boy who died after a fall has been suspended for six months by the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Sheena Hughes's fitness to practise was deemed "impaired" by the council as a result of her misconduct surrounding the death of Charlie Davies.

The youngster suffered from Duchenne muscular dystrophy and fell while getting undressed in his bedroom. The 15-year-old suffered a fractured femur which, in turn, led to him developing a condition that ultimately led to his death. Seven charges were proved against Ms Hughes, in that on April 30, 2015, when completing admission documentation for Charlie at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, she did not record baseline observations on the admission sheet of his notes and she did not adequately review observations of Charlie carried out by a student nurse and therefore did not observe his oxygen saturation level was 87 per cent.

On or around May 5, 2015, Ms Hughes altered Charlie's notes which showed 87 per cent oxygen saturation, to instead show 97 per cent.

Ms Hughes's conduct was described as dishonest as she knew Charlie's oxygen saturation level was not 97 per cent and she sought to conceal the fact that she had not reviewed his true oxygen saturation levels in good time on April 30, 2015; and on or around May 6, 2015, she removed his admission sheet from his medical records, took the sheet off hospital premises and destroyed it.

The panel also found that Ms Hughes provided incorrect information at the coroner's inquest, regarding when she made her employer aware of her actions. Charlie, of Welshampton, fell on April 29, 2015. He was taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and later to Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital. His condition deteriorated and he was transferred to the Royal Stoke Hospital where he died.

Bev Tabernacle, Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital's nursing director, said: "This is a tragic case and our profound sympathies again go out to Charlie's family for their loss. The coroner made clear that Charlie's death could not be avoided, however that does not excuse the conduct of this member of staff, which fell well below the standards we expect and our patients deserve."

Families show support for maternity campaign



Hundreds of parents and grandparents turned out for the protest march at Cae Glas Park in Oswestry against any maternity cuts. HUNDREDS of mothers, fathers and their children marched through Oswestry's Cae Glas Park in support of the town's maternity services.

The march took place on Saturday in protest against any potential cuts to Shropshire's rural midwife-led units, including the unit located at Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital. The scene was replicated in Bridgnorth with families marching through the town in support of its midwife-led maternity unit. Health bosses are considering closing the units overnight and operating on an on-call system.

Liz Grayston, founder of the Save Oswestry Maternity Unit campaign, described the protest as a "roaring success". She said: "It was a fantastic day, with a

couple of hundred people turning out to show their support for our town's fantastic unit. Women want the opportunity to stay overnight in hospital to rest as well as find their feet, an on-call system would not be the same.

"I know health bosses say the changes wouldn't be a downgrade but to the public, an overnight closure of the unit would be a downgrade."

Sarah Jamieson, head of midwifery at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said the proposed changes were not a downgrade and were in response to the national Better Births Maternity Review. She said: "We held a maternity conference in Shropshire recently to discuss the national recommendations. One thing that was clear

was that we should ensure continuity of care for women during all stages of their pregnancy, labour and birth and that, in order to do this, we need to provide staffing for our women, rather than concentrate on staffing a building.

"Since 2008 we have seen a significant shift in where women are choosing to give birth and we, as a service, need to respond to women's choice. In 2008, 26 per cent of our births took place in our midwife-led units. This year it is predicted to be 13 per cent. Our aim, when implementing the recommendations of the review, is to maintain choice for all low-risk women, giving them the option of giving birth at home, at an MLU or at our consultant led unit."

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Pensioner drowned in farm pond

A PENSIONER drowned in a pond at her farm near Oswestry, an inquest heard.

Mary Evans suffered with mental health problems and had been residing at Redwoods mental health centre in Shrewsbury but had been allowed to go home for the day, the inquest at Shirehall in Shrewsbury was told.

Coroner John Ellery told the inquest that the 72-year-old returned to her home at Cynnyon Fawr, Rhdy-croesau, at about 3pm on July 16.

He said she stayed in the lounge area until about 4.30pm, when she left the room. Her family became concerned after she had not returned in 10 minutes. She was found by her husband, Herbert Evans, in a pond a short distance away from the farmhouse. The cause of death was given as drowning.

Mr Ellery told the inquest that Mrs Evans had a 30-year history of depression and had fluctuating suicidal thoughts. But the inquest was told that she had also been able to come home two days beforehand and the visit had gone well.

Redwoods mental health centre had carried out a review into what had happened, but there was nothing to suggest that the service had been at fault. The inquest was heard by a jury which concluded that "Mrs Evans entered the pond in unknown circumstances with unknown intent".

Three arrested in police operation

POLICE raided a house in Welshpool after stopping a vehicle in the town.

Officers forced their way into the house, police said.

Katy Simmons from Dyfed Powys Police said that the operation began when a vehicle was stopped and searched in Welshpool.

"As a result a 26-year-old man and a 37-year-old woman were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply controlled drugs," she said.

"A search warrant was then executed at a property in Welshpool where a 30-year-old man was arrested.

"What is believed to be class A drugs were recovered from one of the suspects.

"Mobile phones and a quantity of cash were also seized."

She said all three people were released on bail pending further inquiries.

Planning system could face a radical overhaul

Report by Dominic Robertson

SHROPSHIRE'S planning committees could be faced with a radical overhaul if a review gives the go-ahead.

A Shropshire Council task and finish group, which was formed to look at reducing the number of planning committees from three to two, has recommended carrying out a review after May's local elections.

A number of councillors have voiced concerns about any move to cut down on the three current committees, which take decisions on applications in the north, centre, and south of the county respectively.

They have warned that any reduction in the committee structure would be to the detriment of local democracy.

The latest report on the committees says there is a risk with the current structure to the consistency of decisions taken by different committees.

Under the current system planning decisions in any of the three committee areas are taken by councillors who represent the people in that part of the county.

The report, from the group which was chaired by St Martins councillor, Steve Davenport, states: "There remains a risk with three area committees that policy/process is not applied consistently across the county. The potential risk applies both to members and officers supporting the delivery of planning committee processes. It was agreed to look again at the number of planning committees following the election in May as there would then be new members involved."

Councillor Andy Boddington, who represents Ludlow North, said the any move to cut the number of committees and have more decisions taken by officers under delegated powers would come at the cost of local democracy.

He said: "This idea of an overhaul and reduction of planning committees has been around for quite a long while, they tried to do it three years ago but it didn't happen because there was opposition from councillors, including Conservative councillors."

"Principally, it's about trying to reduce the number of applications going before committee, they want more to be decided by officers."

"I am concerned about that because planning needs to be open and democratic, particularly when its controversial."

Crash chaos once again at blackspot



The scene of the crash on the A5 near Queens Head, south of Oswestry, on Sunday

A MAN and woman were taken to hospital after a crash involving two vehicles and a caravan at an accident blackspot near Oswestry.

The woman was cut free from a vehicle, while the man was taken to hospital to be checked over. Emergency services were called to the collision on the A5 near Queens Head at about 2.45pm on Sunday.

An air ambulance also landed at the scene, and took one of the patients to hospital. Oswestry Safer

Neighbourhood Policing Team confirmed the injuries suffered in the crash were not believed to be life-threatening.

Four fire crews from Oswestry, Baschurch and Wellington, as well as the rescue tender and an operations officer also attended the scene.

The crash caused hold-ups for motorists, who were diverted through nearby village West Felton, as the A5 road was closed in both directions for a number of hours.

Meanwhile in a separate crash, a driver had to be released from his car following a four-vehicle collision.

The crash happened on the Oswestry bypass at around 11.45am on Friday.

Westbound traffic was diverted off the busy trunk road and through the centre of the town as emergency services worked to release the man and clear up debris. The driver was taken to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital with neck pain.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Group is backing movie screening

THE Oswestry Equality Group will be supporting the screening of The Divide at the town's Kinokulture cinema on April 12.

This film is based on The Spirit Level by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett. It shows how people from all backgrounds are affected by income inequality, where the top 0.1 per cent owns as much wealth as the bottom 90 per cent.

Penny Rice, speaking for the Equality Group, said: "We really appreciate Kinokulture giving us the opportunity to allow everybody the chance to see this film."

The film will be shown at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and can be obtained from Kinokulture's booking office on (01691) 238167.

There will be discussion of the film in the bar after its showing.

Easter story in art is the topic of talk

THE Easter Story in Art is the subject of a talk at the next meeting of an Oswestry community group.

The talk will be given to members of the Oswestry Borders University of the Third Age organisation.

The presentation will be made by Sarah Gathercole.

Organisers say she has become a popular and regular guest speaker at Oswestry Borders University of the Third Age.

She will give the talk at the next speaker meeting of the group, organisers have said.

The meeting takes place from 2pm to 4pm at the Oswestry Senior Citizen Club's premises in Lorne Street, Oswestry, on Wednesday.

Man up in court on sex charges

AN Oswestry man has appeared at Aberystwyth Magistrates Court charged with 61 counts of indecent assault against 23 girls under 14.

The former Powys school teacher is accused of sexually abusing several girls in the 70s and 80s.

Gordon Fleming, 66, of Oswestry, appeared at the magistrates' court on Friday but did not enter a plea.

Magistrates directed trial by jury.

Fleming, who was granted bail, will appear at Swansea Crown Court on April 21.

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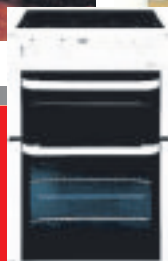
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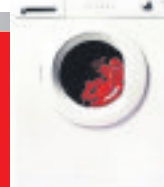


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Stephanie Booth

Entrepreneur died in tractor tragedy

A HOTELIER and entrepreneur was killed when the tractor she was driving crashed down a bank.

Stephanie Booth, who once ran a leisure and entertainment complex in Oswestry, was mowing scrubland on a steep hillside at her farm near Corwen in North Wales when the tragedy happened.

A conclusion of accidental death was recorded on the 70-year-old,

who died from crush injuries. The inquest at Ruthin heard she would have died rapidly from her injuries.

Mrs Booth died in the accident which happened last September. She was found by her husband who tried to revive her. Mrs Booth was a pioneer of gender reassignment – having sex change surgery in 1982.

She and her husband David bought hotels in Llangollen and in

2009 she was featured in a BBC documentary called Hotel Stephanie.

The couple bought part of the former railway engineering buildings in Oswestry and opened the first phase of a £2 million leisure and entertainment complex, McLarens, on Gobowen Road. The building housed an indoor play barn for children and a cafe and the businesswoman had plans to open a bistro

and ice skating rink as well as a theatre and cinema.

However her businesses, including a chain of hotels in Llangollen, The Chainbridge, Wild Pheasant and Bryn Howell, went into administration and McLarens closed in August 2011.

Constable Richard Davies said it appeared Mrs Booth had reversed close to an edge which gave way.

Hospital is in the running for patient safety prizes

Report by Naomi Penrose

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital is a finalist in two categories of the national Patient Safety Awards.

The awards are among the most celebrated in UK healthcare and the hospital is one of just a small handful of hospitals to have been shortlisted in more than one category.

The hospital is up for the Changing Culture Award for an ambitious programme named Rebuilding Relationships, which is aimed at ensuring it is recognised as a good place to work.

And Rebecca Warren, ward manager of the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries (MCSI), is up for the Quality Lead of the Year Award.

she land the prize, it will complete an impressive double – as she was also a winner at the 2015 awards when she took home the Clinical Leadership Award.

Rail fans in line for deal

FANCY a ride on a train for just 14 shillings?

That's the price the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway will be charging local passengers on Saturday.

The cost is no April Fool but the price that the usual return fare of £13.50 would have been in 1963, the year the line reopened as a heritage railway.

Over this weekend anyone proving that they live in a SY21 postcode can take the return trip from Welshpool to Llanfair Caereinion for just 70p, or 14 shillings in old money. The 2017 season will be the 54th in which the railway has been operated almost entirely by volunteers, overtaking the 53 years – 1903 to 1956 – that it was run commercially by the line's three previous owners the Cambrian Railway, Great Western Railway and British Railways.

A number of celebrations are planned throughout the 2017 season.

The awards will be presented at a gala dinner in Manchester on July 4.

Mark Brandreth, chief executive, said: "I am very proud that the hospital been short-listed in two categories at this year's Patient Safety Awards, and would like to offer my sincere congratulations to everyone involved in the Rebuilding Relationships Programme, and to Rebecca and her team in the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries.

"I have previously been on the judging panel for these awards, so I know just how high the standards have to be in order to be shortlisted as a finalist.

"It does not surprise me one bit, however, to see our people earning this recognition. They, and all our teams across the hospital, are committed to the highest levels of patient care."

The Rebuilding Relationships Programme was launched in September with three key strands – developing the organisation's leaders, enabling better conversations among staff and busting bureaucracy that made people's jobs harder. Rebecca Warren has been shortlisted in recognition of the work she has done to maintain quality standards and improve staff morale.

Firm's delight at award win



Members of the Coversure team with comedian Ed Byrne at the 2017 Broker Awards

OSWESTRY insurance broker Coversure has won a prestigious national award for Investment in People at the 2017 Broker Awards.

The team was presented with the award by Mock The Week regular, comedian Ed Byrne, at the Stadium MK in Milton Keynes.

Coversure Oswestry and Mold won the award in recognition of its high-level of commitment to staff and investment in training and skills.

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Joint franchise owner Darren Roberts said: "We recognise that in order to serve our customers' requirements, we need a team to provide correct advice and good recommendations. Our focus as a family run insurance broker has always been on employing local people and providing them with the training and qualifications they need, not only to progress in their careers, but to ensure we continue to help and assist the local community with their insurance needs."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Young mums across Shropshire proved it's not a good idea to upset them last Saturday – particularly when it should have been a special weekend for the county's mothers.

Hundreds turned out in Oswestry and Bridgnorth to protest against proposed cuts to midwife-led maternity units, one of them a highly valued facility based at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital at Gobowen.

The demonstration put a dampener on what should have been a weekend of celebration for Mother's Day, but hundreds felt concerned enough to let the authorities know just how strongly feelings are running against the potential move. Campaigners were calling for assurances that the orthopaedic's midwife-led unit will not suffer cuts such as closing overnight or even being removed completely in the coming years, as the services are currently under review. Proposals would mean mothers would be unable to have overnight stays for rest and recuperation, and those in labour out-of-hours would be forced to telephone an on-call midwife to open the ward up. The plan is being looked at as one of many potential changes within Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin's Sustainability and Transformation Plan which sets out how health and care services need to change over the next five years to meet changing needs.

Let's hope those in power are taking note of the feelings of Shropshire's females. This invaluable service not only gives peace of mind at a time when a mother needs it the most but also relieves the strain on the doctor-led units. It must be the right decision to keep midwife-led units open right across the county.

The High Sheriff of Powys, Mrs Ann Tudor, rewarded residents with Community Awards recognising the outstanding contributions made by individuals to their local community and to the county last week. Among the award winners were twin brothers Tom and John Ellis of Llanfyllin – two worthy winners.

The twins taught at Llanfyllin and Llanfair High Schools where it is said they delivered diligent care well above the call of duty which often continued long after the pupils had left the schools and as devout Christians still carry out widespread pastoral duties in their communities.

If ever two individuals deserved an award it was Tom and John. I was fortunate to have been taught by Mr Tom Ellis during his days at Welshpool High School and during a recent chance meeting he took great pleasure in telling my young grandson that I had not been the best behaved in the school. That's my family reputation shattered them.



Proud parents Katrina Scott and John Roberts with their son James



Little Penelope Gibson, whose mum is from Oswestry, was born at the unit



Jo Banks, women and children's care group director, says the best care is key to the service

New mothers sing the praises of hospital unit

LISA O'BRIEN finds parents are delighted with care at the region's Women and Children's Centre

NEARLY 5,000 babies are born in Shropshire every year – and 85 per cent of women are now choosing to make the journey to Telford to welcome their little ones into the world.

Princess Royal Hospital is home to one of Shropshire's five midwife-led units, for low-risk births, and it boasts four birthing rooms.

For higher risk pregnancies, there is a consultant-led unit within the £28 million, two-year-old women and children's centre.

Hospital bosses say the facilities in the town have proved a popular choice with mothers-to-be and women are able to access the service directly, without first needing to go to their GP.

The future of the Women and Children's Centre at the PRH is uncertain, with the suggestion it should move to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital as part of a reorganisation services in the county.

The potential move of the Women and Children's Centre under the NHS Future Fit review has attracted widespread opposition.

It also comes at a time of general uncertainty. Elsewhere in the county, midwife-led units in Oswestry, Ludlow and Bridgnorth are at the centre of a review of maternity services.

Plans could see the units closed overnight and instead operate through an on-call system. Campaigners see the proposals as a downgrade of the current service. Health bosses say the plans are not a downgrade and are a response to women's choices for care.



Ward manager Annette Barton with Rebecca Gibson and Penelope

The proposals have led to a public outcry and demonstrations in protest against the plans.

Health bosses say that whatever the future holds, the expertise within the county will remain at a high standard. They opened the doors of the consultant-led unit at the Women and Children's Centre to show the work being carried out – and the new-borns who have benefited.

The consultant-led unit deals largely with higher risk births and mothers-to-be come from across the region.

Jo Banks, women and children's care group director at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said: "In terms of the centre we have really succeeded in terms of women wanting to come here.

"It's a place of choice. More women want to come here than before.

times we have women bleeding prior to birth and we will monitor them closely.

"You also sometimes find that babies don't actually arrive quite as you would like them to.

"The labour can be slow and you might need to help it along. We have the theatre facilities if caesarean sections are required. We also have the intensive care unit across the corridor."

Rebecca Gibson, who gave birth to daughter Penelope, spoke highly of the maternity facilities at PRH.

The 29-year-old, of Oswestry, said: "She was four weeks early. It was a bit scary. Everyone has been reassuring and looked after us.

"Nothing has been too much trouble. Last time I had a natural labour. This one was induced but being here and knowing every stage and what can happen helps.

"It's safe, it's clean, it's perfect."

Katrina Scott, 35, and John Roberts, 41, of Church Stretton, made the journey to the hospital for the birth of their son, James Roberts, four months ago and have high praise for the staff. Katrina said: "It was just the most amazing birth. We were two weeks over almost. It was stressful and tense but the staff were amazing. They communicated the whole time, reassuring us and telling us what was happening. That was key."

John added: "The staff showed empathy and warmth. They wanted to know my name so I could really feel part of it and share the experience. It was just lovely. They were really supportive."

The hospital also provides antenatal care, where women can be assessed during pregnancy, and a neonatal unit, which includes an intensive care room, and is for babies who need extra care before they can go home.

Nicky Taylor, senior sister on the neonatal ward, said: "Ninety nine per cent of our families don't expect to come here. It's a challenging time for them. A lot of families keep in touch. A lot of parents go on to do fundraising."

WORKING FOR YOU



Last week was a surreal experience for Members of Parliament, when a terrorist sought to enter the House of Commons Estate armed with a large blade, intent on murder. For PC Keith Palmer, guarding the entrance to Parliament, and for three pedestrians on Westminster Bridge, it was a deadly terrifying experience which ended their lives. For the families of those killed or severely injured it was a tragic event which will impact on their lives for as long as they live. It was absolutely right that MPs continued their work as planned next morning as scheduled. Terror cannot be seen to win. It's crucial that we do not over-react, or equate protection from terrorists as increased separation from the people we represent. So we have to be cautious in how we MPs react and in what we say.

Inevitably there will be some changes in security procedures. Actually, consideration of security is ongoing, and not just in and around Westminster, as terrorist attacks evolve to take different forms. While all of us should await results of formal inquiries, we can reflect on what we think might be sensible and proportionate changes.

Personally, I would not want to see the policemen protecting the entrances to Parliament to be armed. Parliament must be 'of the people' and lethal weaponry on display increases separation – even if we would become used to it. But while the policemen on guard should continue to chat amiably with visitors, I do think there's a case for a position where an armed observer is always ready to act. I also think that pavements and bike lines should be made less accessible to vehicles being used as killing machines by judicial placing of security safety posts.

Every aspect of the way we all live, as well as how our Parliament functions, should be considered for sensible potential change. For example, while I believe strongly in a free press (as far as possible), I cannot help but reflect that the wall-to-wall media coverage of this terrorist outrage is exactly what the terrorist wanted. The main purpose of terrorism is to spread fear, and the most effective mechanism to achieve this is publicity. This is why parliamentarians have to be cautious in how we react and what we say. The worst culprits of all are internet giants such as Google and Facebook, who hide behind the facade that they don't control content, just providing the platform for the content, no matter how vile. Whether it's content promoting terrorism or paedophilia, this attitude is becoming unsustainable. We must not over-react, but there are some changes that any civilised society should act on.

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CAN I ADOPT MY STEP-DAUGHTER TO GIVE HER THE STABILITY HER FATHER DOESN'T PROVIDE?

Q: My step-daughter is now eleven-years old and she has lived with me and her mum ever since we got married seven years ago. Before that she hadn't seen her dad since she was two. He even stopped sending her birthday cards. Now he has popped up again from nowhere and is showering her with expensive presents. She doesn't want to know but it's still very unsettling for her. I would like to adopt her to give her stability and her mum wants that too, and when her dad was nowhere to be found I thought that might be possible. Now we don't know what to do for the best, can you help?

A: There are various options available to you depending on the outcome you wish to achieve. If you wish to become your step-daughter's permanent legal parent, an application to Court for an Adoption Order is required. This has severe implications as it would end the legal relationship between your step-daughter and her father and terminate his parental rights. You would become the legal parent, sharing Parental Responsibility with her mother.

Alternatively, you may achieve the stability you are seeking by applying to Court for a Child Arrangements Order to formally state who your step-daughter is to live with. This Order would grant you shared Parental Responsibility (alongside others with Parental Responsibility) and allow you to be involved with important decisions regarding your step-daughter. This Order would not sever the legal relationship between your step-child and her father.

Another way of acquiring Parental Responsibility is to enter into a formal agreement (if those with Parental Responsibility give consent) or to apply to Court for a Parental Responsibility Order (if consent to an agreement cannot be obtained). Before making a decision on how to proceed it would be beneficial to seek legal advice from a specialist family lawyer.

This question has been answered by Aishah Etoumi, a Solicitor with GHP Legal. For an appointment visit www.ghplegal.com or contact one of our offices: Oswestry 01691 659194, Chirk 01691 777949, Wrexham 01978 291456, Llangollen 01978 860313. We also offer free legal diagnostic clinics (no appointment necessary) as follows: Employment – Wednesdays 12noon-3pm in Oswestry; Mondays 9.30am-12noon in Wrexham. Personal Injury and Family matters – Wednesdays 12noon-3pm in Oswestry; Mondays 12noon-3pm in Wrexham. GHP Legal is authorised and regulated by the SRA 51566, and Lexcel Accredited.



Letters

British taxpayers at bottom of the list

IN order to help promote economic growth in developing countries the government has created a Prosperity Fund worth £1.3 billion over the next five years.

Its priorities include improving the business climate, competitiveness and operation of markets, energy and financial sector reform, and increasing the ability of governments to tackle corruption.

These reforms will drive sustainable development in developing countries, and create opportunities for international business, including UK companies.

Although increasing numbers of developing countries are able to finance their own

development, many still face considerable challenges such as rapid urbanisation, climate change and high and persistent inequality which can lower long-term growth prospects, including in middle income countries where more than 70 per cent of the world's poor live.

The Prosperity Fund supports the broad-based and inclusive growth needed for poverty reduction to make development sustainable.

The Prosperity Fund forms a strategic proportion of the UK's total Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment of 0.7 per cent of Gross National In-

come (GNI). Countries that had dedicated FCO prosperity fund programmes were: Brazil, China, India, Mexico, South Africa, South Korea and Turkey.

These countries are not poor. So why use £1.3 billion of taxpayers' money when they say no money for schools, libraries, social care, disabled, NHS, pensions, etc

Why do we suffer homelessness, the list goes on.

How much longer do we the taxpayers have to be at the bottom of the list?

JANET SMITH
Via email

Crisis with NHS funding should come as no real surprise to us

FROM the reports in your paper and the media in general the NHS is in crisis.

Well what a surprise. Day in and day out we are advised that doctors surgeries, A&E plus the ambulance service is overwhelmed.

Just how long will it take our MPs to wake up to the fact that the NHS is unsustainable as a totally free service?

For far too long they have avoided dealing with this problem.

Can I ask why food provided to patients in hospital is supplied free?

A charge of at least £8 a day would not be unreasonable.

They would have to pay this at home. Just think 200 patients would bring in £1,600 each day.

Each weekend papers are full of wonderful holidays, £2,000 no problem, and the OAPs are filling up every cruise.

Each Sunday the pubs are full to overflowing buying Sunday lunch. No shortage of money here!

Fall down and cut your knee call an ambulance it's free so why not?

We have paid all our life.

This attitude is much the cause of the problem but if it continues then doctors will withdraw from the service as many are already doing and you will have to pay in full for their services.

Finally, have you taken your pet to the vets recently? What a surprise you will get. It's not free there.

G T INWOOD
Shrewsbury

Americans will judge president

WHAT a load of hypocrites we have in this country.

Donald Trump has been elected in a democratic and open election by the people of America.

His platform was divisive, racist, nationalist and he was shown to be an all-round unpleasant man, but he won and is now implementing the promises he made to his supporters.

Surveys across America seem to show that, 48 per cent of the population seem to agree with his immigration policies and it's their democratic right to do that.

People in the United Kingdom voted to leave Europe on the grounds that we want to secure our own borders and to stop refugees from Syria, Iraq, Libya, Yemen and Africa gaining access from the continent into our country. The British and American people have chosen to believe that a percentage of refugees could be Islamic extremists based on incidents across Europe and the British Government should be vetting and controlling the immigration numbers to this country as a permanent border control.

Donald Trump will succeed or fail in his presidency when being judged by the American people, not the world, and he will only change his policies when the people's outcry becomes bigger than his ego.

ARTHUR EVANS
Ketley

Class W20 looked neat and tidy for photo



These are the children at Knockin School in 1912. And we know that because the board at the front says 'Knockin School (W20) 1912' with W20 no doubt being the class. This picture is from the collection of Bridgnorth postcard collector Ray Farlow.

Long live Doddy, as he is the true king of comedy

A WISE old man told me one time happiness is a frame of mind, so when it comes to measuring a man's success, don't count money, count happiness.

Those are just a few of the prophetic lines from this country's greatest comedian 'The Squire of Notty Ash' Ken, now long overdue, Sir Ken Dodd.

One of Doddy's songs 'Tears' is still one of the biggest selling singles of all time, I don't mind admitting that I had tears of joy when I heard the good news.

The late great Eric Sykes, when asked what it took by the younger generation to be a good comedian, he told them to go and watch Doddy, because 'he is a Chippendale in a room full of G-plan'. I am pleased that the professor of comedy, the King of Notty Ash has received the honour he truly deserves. Doddy once did 'Love is Like a Violin'; Ken you are the master, and the violin stings the chuckle muscles you play so brilliantly, the 'André Rieu of comedy'.

Long live the King of Comedy.

MARTIN EDDIES
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Help needed with research

I AM looking for a Mr W J Taylor, relatives or anyone who knew him. I am doing research on a BSA competition machine he owned in 1940.

The machine has had seven owners, the first being Minorities Motorcycles Wolverhampton who sold it to Mr Taylor.

It has been restored by its current owner who would like to know more about the machine. I can be contacted on 01686 670626 or email derek.trow@talk21.com

DEREK TROW
Kerry

Prime Minister did not say where she was leading us to

MRS May recently said, quite forcibly, that she was leading the country.

Unfortunately she did not say to where. The NHS is near collapse. Education funding is being cut.

Affordable housing is no longer affordable for those on the average wage. Funding cuts still continue across the country forcing councils to cut back on all their services.

Inequality is at its highest since the Thatcher years.

Despite all of this our national debt has increased.

The unprecedented speed at which she invited Trump on a state visit had a ring of desperation about it.

I will probably be pushing up the daisies before this is all sorted but I sincerely hope my pessimism is proved wrong for the sake of my children and grandchildren, which is why I said at the start that my generation should not have voted.

We will not have to live with the decision. They will, for better or for worse.

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Re-enactment enthusiasts from all over the country took part in the historical fun at Whittington Castle



Troops prepare themselves for battle at the castle

Battle time at castle

RE-ENACTMENT groups from all over the country travelled to Whittington near Oswestry for a week-end of battle.

Whittington Castle was turned into the Portuguese garrison of Almedia which was besieged in 1810 during the Napoleonic wars.

More than 100 people took part in the re-enactment of the storming of the garrison over the weekend.

Re-enactment groups taking part included the British 33rd Regiment of Foot, 5/60th Rifles, 51st Regiment of Foot, 68th Durham Light

Infantry, 94th Regiment of Foot and 2/95th Rifles, as well as a host of French re-enactment groups.

Last weekend's event was just one of many that take place at Whittington Castle during the main tourist season.

The castle hosts several history events each year as well as a variety of other attractions.

The Marches borders castle is thought to be the only one in Britain that is looked after by villagers.

A community trust successfully won the 99-year lease of the privately owned castle, saving it from a scheme which would have seen houses built on fields behind the castle ruins.

Meanwhile, it has been confirmed that

Oswestry will go back in history in the summer with a re-enactment day in the park.

Les Miles des Marches, a regional re-enactment group, has agreed to hold an event in Cae Glas Park on August 5.

In a report to a town council meeting, events manager for Oswestry, David Clough, says: "Les Miles des Marches is a thriving Shropshire group with a structured military unit and an active living history encampment where mediaeval crafts are portrayed."

"It is able to cater for Oswestry based history and often joins forces with another local group of re-enactors to build numbers."

"It is hoped this will be a positive, family event for Oswestry."



Troops are inspected during the Whittington Castle re-enactment event

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Haulier loses licence for breach of road rules

A LIVESTOCK haulier will lose his HGV operating licence after the Traffic Commissioner for Wales found he had "neither the skills, nor the time to operate in a compliant manner".

Ieuan Evans of Ger Y Llan in Meifod, near Welshpool, is set to have his licence revoked with effect from May 1, following a public inquiry.

During the inquiry, Traffic Commissioner for Wales Nick Jones heard evidence from the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency about the vehicles run by Mr Evans in connection with his livestock haulage business, including that regular safety inspections were not carried out on time – every six weeks – with some only undertaken at 21 weeks and one gap of 12 months between inspections.

There were also no records of daily defect checks by drivers and no system for recording any defects. During an investigation Mr Evans failed to produce documents requested by the traffic examiner Andrea Bennett, and when she tried to contact him, it emerged he no longer lived at the address listed on his operator's licence.

Mr Jones said: "When asked why he failed to produce the requested documents, Evans said that he had prepared the paperwork to produce but had misplaced the bag with the documents in."

During the inquiry, Mr Evans said he "was always busy, he appreciated the rules but had not acted to implement them".

Mr Jones said: "Despite the serious and obvious failures I give credit to Mr Evans for his honesty. I felt that despite his failings he was a personable individual who generally wanted to do the right thing, the problem was he had neither the skills nor the time to operate in a compliant manner."

Town council staff to get use of body cameras

By Naomi Penrose

COUNCIL staff will be armed with police-style body cameras to tackle anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping, as well as protecting them from any danger from the public.

Welshpool Town Council will buy five body cams for use around the town by council staff and the town clerk.

They will be used to help catch people who are littering, fly-tipping or engaging in anti-social behaviour.

The plans were unanimously agreed at a meeting of the town council. Councillors also approved the purchase of two CCTV cameras with one to go in the town council offices on Union Street and the other to go in the day centre run by Welshpool Town Council, the Ann Holloway Centre.

Councillor Graham Breeze said the body cameras will ensure the safety of staff.

He said: "In this day and age, we are putting our staff into new situations all the time, so in order to keep them safe we need this sort of protection."

"I certainly think this is a positive move and a more professional way of us doing things. It's about ensuring our staff are safe, plus it serves as a useful tool for gathering evidence."

Councillor Breeze said evidence from the cameras would be vital in catching those who illegally dump sacks of rubbish around the town, as well as capturing those behaving in an anti-social manner. The council will spend £240 on the body cameras as part of a 12-month trial period. Last month Robert Robinson, town clerk, said the cameras would be similar to police body cams.

Chinook drops in for training day



The arrival of the Chinook aircraft caused quite a stir when it landed and took off at Oswestry School

A CHINOOK helicopter flew into Oswestry as part of a cadet training exercise.

The flight was the highlight of this year's Combined Cadet Force competition for Oswestry School pupils and caused a stir throughout the town as it flew down to land on the school playing fields.

Each year the students take part in the annual challenge for the Evanson Shield, commissioned on the retirement of a former Contingent Commander, Major Ray Evanson.

The helicopter was piloted by Flight Lieutenant Stuart Kynaston, the brother of a current Oswestry School pupil. He airlifted teams of

pupils to the training area at Nesscliffe where they disembarked and headed straight into a tactical navigation exercise.

School spokesperson, Victoria Evans, said the competition was a lasting legacy to Major Evanson's leadership and steadfastness in keeping the contingent active.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Excavator toppled after site break-in

AN excavator was damaged after vandals drove it around a water treatment works site and it toppled onto its side.

The Hitachi excavator was damaged at Oswestry water treatment works after intruders broke into the site, police officers have said.

The machine was driven around the site before it toppled onto its side, resulting in the excavator to be damaged.

The break-in happened on Monday night or early Tuesday morning last week, police have said.

Police in the town are now appealing for the public for help in their inquiries into the incident at the water treatment works site.

Anyone who witnessed any suspicious behaviour on Broomhall Lane, Oswestry, is asked to call West Mercia Police on 101 and quote incident number 0089S 220317.

Alternatively, people with information can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via their website.

Man is charged over vehicle fire

A MAN has been charged with arson following a car fire which spread to a house.

Daniel Mark Williamson, 25, of Woodland View, Treflach, Oswestry, was remanded in custody when he appeared at Flintshire Magistrates Court.

He was remanded in custody by the magistrates court until Tuesday next week when he will appear at court at Mold.

Williams is charged with arson at Ger y Llan, Meifod, on March 14, damage by fire caused to a parked Ford Ka belonging to his ex-partner and a PVC door and fascia boards to a house.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Local census test for national event

A CENSUS test is taking place in Montgomeryshire – the only place in Wales to be tested – next month in preparation for the 2021 census.

Powys County Council is one of seven local authorities across England and Wales chosen to take part in the test on April 9, which is being carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

ONS will send selected households in Montgomeryshire a letter three weeks before the test with a unique access code, asking them to fill in their online questionnaire.

John Evans, a spokesman for Powys County Council, said: "It's crucial ONS tests key elements to make sure everything will work as it should on census day."

For more information about the census test visit www.ons.gov.uk/census

Tenants urged to talk together

COUNCIL housing tenants can raise any issues with services during a series of events across Powys.

Tenant Talk Together, organised by Powys County Council, will include informal chats with staff or neighbours.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available and the engagement team will also be present.

Each event will last an hour and a half, and tenants can drop in at any point. The events are taking place at a number of towns across the county throughout April. Montgomery Town Hall will open for a Tenant Together Talk at 10am, followed by Llanfair Caereinion Youth Centre at 2pm, both on April 19. The series will then move on to Corn Exchange in Welshpool on April 26, at 10am.

MP meets farmers ahead of Brexit negotiations

Report by Naomi Penrose

GLYN Davies, Conservative MP for Montgomeryshire, has met with Welsh farm union leaders to discuss their thoughts and ideas as crunch Brexit negotiations begin.

Mr Davies met chairs and senior officers of both NFU Cymru and the FFW at Dolgellau along with other MPs.

Commenting on his meeting with Welsh farming union leaders, Mr Davies said worries farmers had with Britain's exit from the European Union had to be explored and addressed.

Mr Davies said: "Brexit is going mean a lot of uncertainty for the farming industry, and it's crucial that the voice of farming is fed into the negotiating process."

"I hope I can play a part in that over the next two to three years."

"At this early stage in shaping the future of the United Kingdom in the new global outlook on the world, I want the concerns of the industry to be carefully considered."

"There are two major concerns – firstly relating to financial support mechanisms which underpin the Government's 'cheap food' policy."

"And secondly to maintain tariff free access to European countries as far as possible."

"We will only achieve a good negotiation and long term future if all those of who want to see a vibrant countryside work together."

"Over the next few months, I'm hoping for many more discussions with farming leaders."

Choir tuning up for special performance



Guilsfield Singers outside the historic St Aelhaiarn's Church, in Guilsfield

A CLASSICAL choir with members across both sides of the border is rehearsing for a spring concert.

The Guilsfield Singers, based in the village of Guilsfield near Welshpool, with members from the Oswestry area, will sing a cantata, Daughter of Jairus, composed by Sir John Stainer for the Worcester Triennial Festival of 1875, but rarely performed since the composer's death in 1901.

Margaret Clennett, choir publicity officer, said: "The last performance in Britain of this work with full orchestra was at the Leeds Festival in 1910."

"Daughter of Jairus will be performed with accompaniment from the Maldwyn Strings led by Mark Purdy, a wind section specially assembled for the occasion and soloists Sarah Garrett, Christopher Barnes and Michael Birchwood."

The concert will take place in the Assembly Room at Welshpool Town Hall on April 8.

Tickets for the concert cost £12.

The tickets and are available by calling (01938) 555249 or (01938) 554047. They are also available from Welshpool Jewellers, or on the door on the night.

Collections of waste set to run as normal

RECYCLING and waste collections in Powys will take place as normal over the Easter period, the local authority has confirmed.

Powys County Council will be collecting recycling and waste on Good Friday, April 14, and on Easter Monday, April 17. Householders and trade waste customers are being reminded that they should place out their recycling and waste by 7.30am on their usual collection day. Councillor John Powell, cabinet member for waste and recycling, said: "Recycling the extra packaging produced at Easter is important and will help towards achieving the strict recycling targets set by Welsh Government."

"Cardboard packaging, envelopes and cards can be recycled in your blue paper and card box and hard plastic items and silver foil packaging usually found around Easter eggs can be recycled in your red plastic and cans box."

"We would like to remind households that we do not accept plastic film items including items such as carrier bags, bubble wrap, food bags and cling film so please put this material in with your black wheeled bin or purple sack."

Linear walk for rambler group

THE Welshpool Ramblers walk on Sunday will be a linear one from Borth led by Gwyneth Prosser.

The start will be from the car park opposite Bryn Owen Caravan Park (OS grid ref SN 608889) at 10am. Cars will be available to take drivers back to the start. Meet at 8.30am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref SJ 226076) or at the walk.

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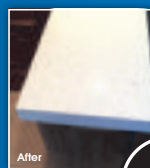
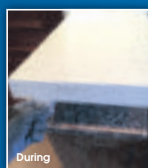
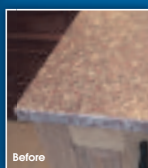
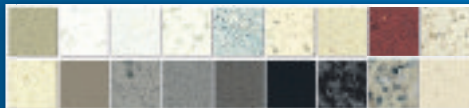
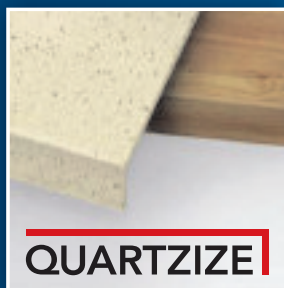
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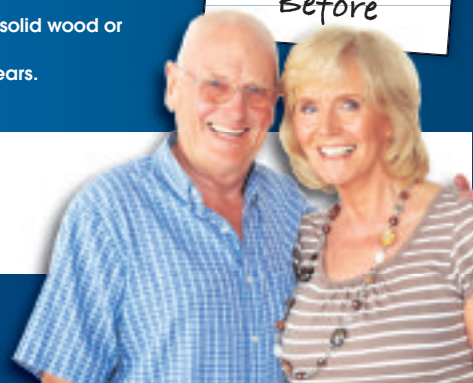
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Inquiry launched into fox body find

POLICE are appealing for information as to how the snared body of a fox ended up on an estate near Oswestry. Officers think that the animal had been killed elsewhere then dumped, with the snare, in the grounds of the Brynkinalt estate at Chirk. Officers say that the snare was found on the Shropshire side of the estate.

Rural Crime Team officer, Constable Paul Davies said: "As staff on the estate never snare foxes, we believe the animal had been killed elsewhere, and the fox and free-running snare had been placed in the grounds."

"We want to know how the snare got there."

"If you have any information regarding this incident please call the Rural Crime Team on 101."

In a statement posted on social media, estate manager, Iain Hill-Trevor, said: "It is our duty to protect the estate for all who live and work on it."

"We are constantly striving to restore the estate and to manage the land on conservation principles, particularly organic farming."

Poverty will be subject of talk

MEMBERS of the Oswestry group of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday.

The speaker on this occasion will be Carol James and her subject will be Poverty in Victorian Oswestry.

The fellowship is a local group for government and other pensioners who are welcome to attend the meetings, which are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Wynnstan Hotel, Oswestry, starting at 10.30am after coffee. There is an annual subscription for those pensioners who are not members of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship which is £10.

Further details can be obtained from Ruth Haile on (01691) 650993.

Man launched campaign of abuse against victim

Report by Sam Morris

A MAN who subjected a woman and her partner to a campaign of intimidation and harassment has avoided jail.

Tomasz Kraszewski, 28, sent abusive text messages about his victim's sexuality, made late night telephone calls and took £800 from her after saying she had to pay him to stay safe.

Shrewsbury Crown Court was told how Kraszewski's victim has since been afraid to go out late at night.

The court heard how Kraszewski, of Alexandra Road, Oswestry, and his victim and her partner had originally been friends before the relationship broke down and he became intimidating.

Prosecuting, Tariq Shakoor said the friendship broke down in the summer of 2015. Mr Shakoor said: "Thereafter the defendant became something of a nuisance to the victim and that culminated in what might be described as harassment."

"By the end of March 2016 the defendant spoke to her as she returned home. He stood in front of her telling her she needed to pay protection money for people not to hurt her and demanded £200 per week."

"She started to pay the defendant. She has in total paid £800 because of his harassment and intimidation of her."

Kraszewski admitted one charge of putting a person in fear of violence by harassment. He was given an eight month jail sentence suspended for 18 months. He will also have to complete 160 hours of unpaid work, pay £800 compensation and a £600 contribution to costs.

In mitigation, Debra White said Kraszewski was a hard working young man with no previous convictions.

Kraszewski was also made the subject of a restraining order.

Volunteers keep valley spick and span



Shane Hughes, far left, from Keep Wales Tidy, joins the Ceiriog Valley litter pick

A TIN roof, fast food containers and 40 empty wine bottles were among the rubbish discovered when volunteers carried out a litter pick in a picturesque valley.

The 16 members of the Caru'n Pentrefi/Love Our Villages Group held their first village tidy action day of the year in the Ceiriog Valley near Oswestry.

This year they have a special trailer, built with help from local businesses to make their work eas-

ier. The group, formed two years ago to maintain and enhance the villages of Pontfadog, Dolywern and Castle Mill, teamed up with Shane Hughes, of Keep Wales Tidy, to clear roadside hedges and verges the length of the B4500 from just outside Pontfadog all the way through to Dolywern and the neighbouring hamlet of Llwyn-mawr.

A total of 15 special Keep Wales Tidy refuse bags were filled and a further 40 discarded empty wine

bottles and various other drinks cans were collected and taken to the recycling depot in Oswestry - along with a dumped plastic shop fascia board and a section of corrugated roofing.

The group's Ralph Bennett said: "I'd like to say a big thank you to the 16 people who turned out for our first action day of 2017. The job definitely needed doing. It was good to have Shane Hughes with us from Keep Wales Tidy who brought plenty of pickers, hoops and sacks."

House prices in region are rising fast, say experts

HOUSE prices in the Midlands are increasing faster than anywhere else in the UK.

The West Midlands saw annual house prices increase by 4.2 per cent to £213,000, according to figures released by Right Move. The news has been welcomed by Balfours sales manager, Alistair Hilton, who says the figures endorse the positive economy throughout the region. He says: "We have seen steady sustainable increases in the past few years; however lack of property coming to the market has been a limiting factor. However since the New Year our phones have been buzzing with prospective vendors who are now feeling confident about the market too." The Midlands price surge illustrates a phase of catch-up, with the London residential market currently experiencing modest growth of 0.9 per cent, making it one of the bottom three regions in terms of price rises. However, homes in the capital still cost more than double the national average, standing at £650,000. The average UK home now costs £310,000 following the second highest March increase in a decade, as demand continues to outstrip supply of available homes across the country.

Alistair adds: "We are seeing people who have held off for several years now wanting to make the move and launch their property to market. Furthermore buyers are keeping their finger on the button, quite literally to ensure that if the property of their aspirations is launched they are ready to view and ultimately make an offer."

He says Balfours, which operates throughout Shropshire and bordering counties, achieved its best start to the year ever. He said: "We are seeing a significant number of house hunters on our books from outside the region. The Midlands is perceived to be excellent value for money, with a good work life balance."

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Man wanted on recall to prison

POLICE are looking to trace a man who is wanted on recall to prison.

Michael Lee Bethell is believed to have connections in the Oswestry area. West Mercia Police are sharing Merseyside's Police appeal for the public's help in tracking down 25-year-old Bethell. Bethell, whose last known address was in the Kirkdale area of Liverpool, was released on licence on February 21, after serving a total of 99 days for a breach of a gang injunction, possession of Class B drugs, criminal damage and receiving stolen goods. He is wanted after failing to comply with his licence release conditions and was recalled to prison on February 24.

Bethell is white, 5ft 9in tall, of medium build with short blonde hair and blue eyes.

Anyone who has seen Bethell, or who knows of his whereabouts, is asked to call Merseyside Police on 101.

Ex-bus firm staff win court claim

MORE than 180 former employees of a coach company which collapsed have won a compensation claim.

About 320 people were made redundant when Ruabon-based GHA Coaches ceased trading in July last year. It operated public and school services in Shropshire. Administrators were appointed after the firm received a winding-up petition over unpaid taxes.

Led by head of employment Liz Cotton, the team at Manchester-based lawyers JMW worked on behalf of 183 ex-GHA employees to gain compensation after the firm went into administration. A tribunal ruled that GHA failed to properly consult with employees before making dismissals so they are entitled to 90 days' pay.

MPs offer tributes in wake of terror attack

Report by Naomi Penrose

MPS have paid tribute to the courage of the emergency services following last week's terror attack on Parliament, and said that terror would never triumph over freedom and democracy.

Khalid Masood, 52, killed four people when he drove a car into pedestrians and stabbed police officer Keith Palmer. Masood was then fatally wounded after being shot by police.

North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson spoke of a sense of unity across the political divide in the wake of the attack on democracy.

He said the attack was a "callous and cowardly assault on our peaceful way of life, with innocent victims from many nations senselessly mown down on Westminster Bridge".

He added: "It is a testament to the skill, bravery and efficiency of the police and security services that the attacker was so swiftly stopped and killed once he had entered the parliamentary estate. Pc Keith Palmer is the embodiment of that courage and devotion to public service.

"Their selflessness and indomitable resolve typify the very best of us, their defiance in the face of terror is an example to us all."

Glyn Davies, MP for Montgomeryshire, said while there would need to be a review of security, he said it was important that the openness of parliament was protected, otherwise the terrorists would win.

"This was not an attack on MPs, it was an attack on democracy. MPs, their staff, the police and all the people who work at Parliament are at the heart of that," he said. "I think security should be looked at, but that is something that is ongoing, and we should be doing that all the time."

Lord Hague issues warning on far-right



Moreton Hall principal Jonathan Forster, Paula Forster, guest speaker Lord Hague and Lady Hague

MAINSTREAM politicians must tap into the mood of populist nationalism if the world is to avoid a far-right resurgence, senior politician William Hague said during a visit to a school near Oswestry.

Lord Hague said during his speech at Moreton Hall School it was possible but unlikely that Marine Le Pen, leader of the French National Front, would win next month's presidential election.

But he said it was inevitable she

would become president one day if the more centrist politicians did not succeed in tackling the concerns which were causing people to turn to her brand of far-right politics.

He also said he thought concerns about immigration were placing the European Union on a path towards "slow disintegration".

Addressing the school's annual business lunch, Lord Hague said that after decades of change which had seen nation states seeming to

wield less influence in the world, many people were now looking to their countries to take back control and represent their interests.

The former Conservative leader, who now lives at Cyfronnydd Hall near Welshpool, who had supported Britain remaining in the European Union at last year's referendum, said that it was important that people now accepted the result of the poll, and instead looked at the opportunities that Brexit would offer.

Good causes cash in on waste fund programme

CHARITIES in Oswestry are among several across Shropshire that have benefitted from a share of a £6,000 pot of money from Veolia, the waste contractor for Shropshire Council, thanks to the county's keen recyclers.

Over the last 12 months staff at Veolia have been spotting residents that recycle in the right way and rewarding them with £100 that they can donate to a local charity of their choice.

A total of 30 charities were chosen to receive funding.

Steve Mitchell, director for Veolia, said: "Many of our residents across Shropshire are brilliant at recycling their waste, and we wanted to thank them for their efforts. Donating money to a local charity of their choice seemed the perfect way to give something back to the many worthy local causes in the county."

Hope House Children's Hospice at Morda near Oswestry was one of the charities to receive donations, receiving £800. Sarah Johnson from Hope House said: "Thank you so much to all the residents who nominated Hope House to benefit from the recycling prize pot."

"Your donation helps us to ensure we're here for children who are affected by conditions so serious that they're not expected to live longer than early adulthood. As a registered charity, we need an annual income of over £6 million to carry on meeting the needs of all the local children and their families who rely on us. We really do appreciate everyone's support."

Other good causes included the Oswestry Bone Cancer Centre Appeal which received £100. The Marches Group Riding for the Disabled received £100, The Salvation Army (Oswestry) received £200 and Oswestry group Chalk received £100.

Another charity to receive donations was Midlands Air Ambulance.

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Restaurant has a real taste for success

Commercial feature

Businesses need to think outside the box and offer something new and dynamic in order to encourage people to use them.

That's the message from restaurateur Paolo Lepone ahead of a packed few months of events at his restaurant Lepones in Oswestry. As the business celebrates 14 years in the town – and two at its new 19th century church building on Oswald Road – Mr Lepone is looking forward to hosting a range of music and entertainment events, something the restaurant has been trying its hand at since its move.

Venue

Mr Lepone said he wants to change people's perception that Lepones is "just a restaurant" but also a venue for events.

He said: "In the next few months we've got so much to look forward to.

"We're celebrating our second birthday here in our new building.

"We've also got the Three Welsh Tenors singing here too in April.

"We're just wanting to offer something different every time with our events, and show people that we aren't just a restaurant, we're also a place to meet friends for a cocktail and enjoy live entertainment.

"We're aiming to host a different event every month from March."

Mr Lepone said he hopes the events are well supported by the community.

He said: "Businesses, be it shops or restaurants need to think outside the box and provide something different but in the same



Lepones in Oswestry has had plenty of reasons to celebrate in recent months

token, people need to support them or they simply won't happen. It's very much a two way street. For us we pride ourselves on our good, authentic Italian food but we also want people to know we have so much going on here, from our events but also we're starting to do weddings now.

"We've got a really exciting year ahead of us

here." Mr Lepone says his love of cooking comes from his mother Gioconda Lepone, whose specialities include gnocchi and minestrone. He said: "My mother has taught me most of what I know, and that's my passion but now I'm looking forward to moving with the times and offering customers something that bit more."



Lepones restaurant is set in a historic former church building in Oswestry

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Put a touch of spring into your decor

Commercial feature

Spring has definitely now sprung and there has never been a better time to bring some sunshine into your home.

Even a hint of sunshine peeping through grey skies instantly lifts our spirits, and the good news is yellow shades can work that same magic indoors.

A yellow palette – from bright daffodil through to custard and zingy citrus – is guaranteed to bring a whole lot of cheer to any room, and will have an uplifting quality that sings spring has arrived.

"Yellow cannot fail to add a little sunshine to any setting. It evokes energy, and creates a sense of warmth and zest," promises Laura Kelway-Bamber, creative director at The Headboard Workshop (www.theheadboardworkshop.co.uk).

"Team yellow with a bold black or navy feature wall for drama and you'll also conjure a sense of sophistication and elegance.

"In a bedroom, subtle, softer yellows are a wise choice, and this will avoid the colour dominating or feeling overbearing.

"Yellow tones are great for details such as accessories, as they'll stand out and act as visual focus points in a scheme.

"Yellow's also brilliant in smaller rooms, as it can help create a sense of space and warmth."

So banish those winter blues and welcome spring's signature shade into your home.

"Yellow's known to have a positive effect on our mood, so why not incorporate it into your interior design?" says Laura McDonald, upcycling expert for paint specialists, Rust-Oleum.

"This optimistic hue is ideal for brightening



Rococo kitchens, ultra matt yellow and white finish units, start from around £10,000, available from Crown Imperial

rooms, and can be used to make a statement or add a complementary hint of colour to existing home decor.

"Darker shades are particularly striking in a living area or bedroom when teamed with blue, while citrus lemons suit a kitchen or dining area.

Grey, pale green and creamy hues work well

around the home alongside yellow, and are more interesting alternatives to white."

Make light work of revamping anything from furniture and light fittings to kitchen units, with Rust-Oleum's spray paint range.

Try a sunflower shade in a Mode Spray Paint, £14.99 for 400ml, Homebase, or a marigold gloss Painter's Touch Spray paint, £7.00 for

400ml, Wilko. If you're dreaming of a new kitchen, Crown Imperial's Rococo collection in matt yellow and white makes a stunning combo; a full kitchen from around £10,000.

And don't overlook the floor; new carpet can totally transform a room and Carpetright's Kosset Major Twist Plus Carpet, £29.99 per square metre, comes in a saffron shade.



Duchess armchair in wattle mustard yellow velvet

Next has embraced yellow, making it easy to give a facelift to a bedroom, with their Retro Floral Bed Set, from £22.

There is also matching curtains, from £45, and a quilted circles throw, from £40.

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Exceptional country home has superb landscaped gardens

An exceptional detached country home, Benvenuti at Morton, Oswestry is an individually designed five bedroomed residence with five shower/bathrooms.

It is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £975,000. Having some 6,600 sq ft of high quality living accommodation, it is set within enclosed landscaped gardens which extend to approximately 1.5 acres and ideally positioned for commuting. Its accommodation includes a full height galleried reception hall, generous reception rooms which overlook the gardens, a well fitted Kenton Jones kitchen, five bedrooms, five bath/shower rooms, a sauna, utility, office and triple garage.

The triple garage has individual electric doors and the sweeping driveway has security gates. A second secure driveway gives access to the external service area with outbuildings and storage facilities. The landscaped gardens extend to the rear and side and include a large natural pool with ancillary oxygenation if required and ornamental fountain. A detached serviced summer house and detached spa house overlook the gardens. In more detail the reception hall has a marble tiled floor and an oak staircase. The lounge is triple aspect with a bay window and French doors, a feature fireplace with a living flame gas stove with a sandstone surround and hearth. There is a games room with garden views and a day room with French doors, oak flooring and an air conditioning unit.

The breakfast kitchen includes a comprehensive range of base and wall units with granite worktops, Belfast sink, water softener, range cooker with six ring burner and extractor hood, matching kitchen island, integrated dishwasher, space for a large fridge freezer and French doors leading to the rear gardens. The utility room also has a Belfast sink and a stable door to the rear. A rear hall has oak flooring, as does the home office and there is a ground floor shower room.

Upstairs is the galleried landing, five bedrooms (the master also with a dressing room) and four bathroom/shower rooms, laundry room and sauna and playroom/hobby room. The property is set within well enclosed secure gated grounds which have been developed by the current owners. They include implement stores/workshop/ vehicle stores/vegetable plots/greenhouses.

KEY FEATURES

- Detached country home
- Individually designed
- Five bedrooms
- Five shower/bathrooms
- Generous receptions

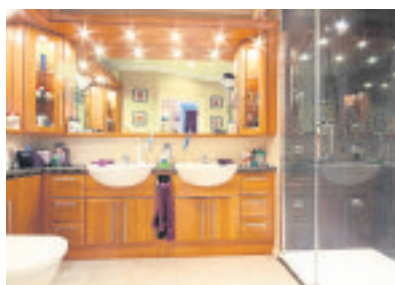
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Property in village has original features

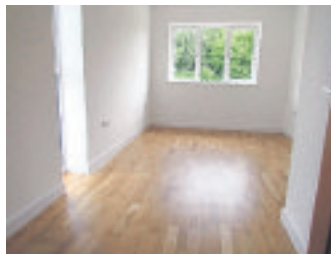
GOBOWEN
£264,500

Immaculately presented, Green End in Whittington Road, Gobowen is a three-bedroom semi-detached property built in the 1930s.

Retaining a host of original features, yet fully updated and extended, it is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £264,500.

The home lies in a desirable location on the edge of the popular village of Gobowen. Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance lobby, entrance hallway, a dining room, a lounge, an oak framed garden/family room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, two first floor bedrooms, a bathroom and a study, together with a second floor third bedroom and en-suite. Outside, the property has good sized gardens together with an outside workshop/office, log store and dog run.

Contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.



Brand new bungalow is in quiet lane in centre of village

TREFLACH
£215,000

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A brand new individually designed two bedroom detached bungalow, Chapel Cottage, Stoney Road, in Treflach, is located on a quiet lane in the centre of the village.

The property is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £215,000 and there is no chain. The home benefits from under floor heating and pvc double glazing. There is an entrance hall, two double bedrooms, a bathroom and ensuite, a kitchen living area and a utility and cloakroom. The property also benefits from parking. The property occupies a central position in the village of Treflach with local pub and bus services. The property has off-street parking to the front and to the sides and rear is an enclosed lawned garden area with paved walkways.

For more information about the property contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.

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- Semi-Detached Bungalow Within Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GCH & DG
- Entrance Hall
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- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Ample Parking
- Paved Rear Garden
- Solar Panels
- EPC Band - B
- JJD939

GUIDE PRICE £139,950

OSWESTRY



- Mid Terraced Cottage Within Easy Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GFCH - Part UPVC DG
- Living Room
- Galley Kitchen/Dining Area
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- On-Street Parking
- Garage - Adjoining
- Workshop
- Long Rear Garden
- EPC Band - D
- JJD943

GUIDE PRICE - £137,000

GOBOWEN



- Semi-Detached Bungalow With Disability Modifications
- PVC DG
- Entrance Porch And Hall
- Kitchen And Utility
- Lounge
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Garage And Car Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- EPC Band - E
- JJD929

GUIDE PRICE £142,500

GOBOWEN



- Close Care Residential Bungalow
- Attractive Purpose Built Complex
- CH & DG
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Rear Enclosed Yard And Garage
- Short Walking Distance From Office
- EPC Band - F
- JJD887

£99,950

OSWESTRY



- Period Semi-Detached House Offering Excellent Potential
- Reception Hall
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Driveway Providing Ample Parking
- Front And South Facing Rear Garden
- EPC Band - JJD957

GUIDE PRICE £179,950

TREFLACH



- Brand New Individually Designed Bungalow
- Quiet Location In Centre Of Village
- Under Floor Heating
- PVC Double Glazing
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen/Living Area
- Utility And Cloakroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom And En-Suite
- Enclosed Lawned Garden Area
- EPC Band - JJD932

GUIDE PRICE £215,000

OSWESTRY



- Spacious Town House In Sought After Location
- Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GCH & DG
- Entrance Hall & Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Living Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Two Parking Spaces
- Small Low Maintenance Garden
- EPC Band - C
- JJD938

GUIDE PRICE £159,950

ST. MARTINS



- Detached Three Bed. Bungalow On Generous Plot
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- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Attic Room
- Garage/Store
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- EPC Band - JJD960

GUIDE PRICE £265,000

ARDDLEEN



- Modern Three Bed. Detached Bungalow
- Attractive Position Overlooking Village
- OFCH & PVC DG
- Kitchen And Utility
- Living Room
- Conservatory
- Bathroom And En-Suite
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Parking
- EPC Band - D
- JJD955

GUIDE PRICE £169,000

OSWESTRY - TO LET



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Victorian end of terrace home is well maintained

OSWESTRY
£167,500

A Victorian end of terrace property with three bedrooms, 74 York Street, Oswestry is tastefully decorated and well maintained throughout.

It is for sale through Town & Country at £167,500. Its accommodation comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge/dining room, a beautifully fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and a luxury family bathroom.

The property is warmed by gas central heating and double glazing. To the outside is a garage, a small front garden, a private side garden and a rear yard with storage a shed. Number 74 is conveniently located and within walking distance of Oswestry town centre which has an abundance of local amenities including schools and leisure facilities.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.



Four bedroom farmhouse has picturesque paddocks

HYSSINGTON
£570,000

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Seven and a half acres of picturesque paddocks and garden surround Llanerch Farm, located some two miles from Church Stoke, near Hyssington.

The home is on the market through Balfours with a guide price of £570,000. The four bedroom farmhouse provides a traditional farmhouse kitchen breakfast room with kitchen island and two oven Aga. Ground floor space also incorporates a good sized entrance hall with cloakroom, dining room, living room and utility. The four bedrooms on the first floor are configured with one ensuite and a family bathroom. Outside there is a separate office, double garage, dutch barn and stables together with other outbuildings. The farmhouse is surrounded by mature gardens, with paddocks beyond.

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NEW




**Hafod Close
Oswestry** £255,000

- A spacious and well appointed 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Cloakroom, 3 Bedrooms and Wet Room
- Well presented gardens and views towards open countryside
- A driveway to the side of the property and single garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing.
- EPC Rating D (68), NO CHAIN

NEW




**Prince Street
Oswestry** £91,995

- A well presented 2 Bedroom Mid-Terrace House
- Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms and a Bathroom.
- Gated off road parking
- Double glazing and gas central heating
- An Ideal First Time or Investment Purchase.
- NO CHAIN. EPC RatingD (64)




**Barwyn Avenue
Chirk Bank** £215,000

- A spacious and well positioned 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated in the popular hamlet of Chirk Bank
- The property is situated on a good size plot
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms, a Single Bedroom & Family Bathroom
- Driveway and garage to the fore and large rear garden
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- NO CHAIN

NEW PRICE



**Castle Street
Oswestry** £98,000

- Spacious 2 Bed End Terrace Hse
- Contains a host of original features
- Ent Hall, Living Room and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Additional Attic Room
- Slabbed area to the front.
- Gas C/H & D/G. EPC Rating NO CHAIN




**Rhoswiel
Weston Rhyn** £174,995

- A rare opportunity to purchase a deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Cottage style property
- Close to the Shropshire Union Canal.
- Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room
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**Church View
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- BRAND NEW 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home with Integral Garage
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NEW PRICE




**Oak Street
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- 2 Double Bedrooms and a Bathroom
- Walled gravelled rear garden with patio
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- EPC Rating E (40)

NEW PRICE



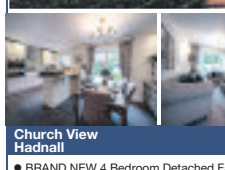
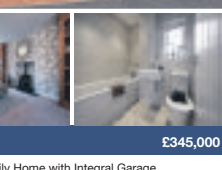
**Vymwy Place
Oswestry** £79,950

- Well presented 1 Bed Leasehold Ground Floor Apartment
- Ent Hall, Kitchen, Lounge
- Bedroom and Bathroom
- Own garden and garage
- D/G and electric storage heaters
- An EnviroVent ventilation system
- EPC Rating C (31). NO CHAIN




**Oakwood Grange
Morda** £249,950

- BRAND NEW - Oakwood Grange is a small residential development on the edge of the popular village of Morda being just over 1 mile from the market town of Oswestry.
- There are only two spacious 4 bedroom detached houses with garage available
- Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom
- 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) & Family Bathroom.
- Gas central heating and double glazing will be installed as standard
- All properties will be completed to the highest specification and will have the benefit of a 10 year warranty.

**Pen Y Lan
Oswestry** £1,250,000

- An impressive & substantial 6 bedroom Grade II Listed Georgian Country House
- The property has been sympathetically restored to high specification
- Retains a host of period features including mosaic tiled flooring, decorative cornice ceiling finish,
- window shutters and period fireplaces
- Situated in an elevated position on the edge of the historic market town of Oswestry
- Excellent views together with extensive gardens, tennis court and woodland extending to approx 2.8 acres (1.15 hal).




**The Meads
Weston Rhyn** £119,950

- A most delightful and spacious Mid-Terrace House
- Lounge, fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Three bedrooms and family bathroom
- Newly fitted Gas fired boiler & D/G
- Good sized gardens to front & rear
- Off road parking provision
- EPC Rating C '76'. NO CHAIN




**Weston Road
Morda** £159,950

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- A unique opportunity to purchase a 2 Bedroom Detached Cottage
- Requiring a full scheme of refurbishment.
- In the quiet hamlet of Morton
- Kitchen, Dining Room, Lounge
- Ground floor Bathroom 2 double bedrooms
- Large garden, outbuilding and garage
- EPC Rating NO CHAIN




**Whittington Road
Gobowen** £264,500

- Immaculately presented 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Constructed in the 1930's and retains a host of original features
- Hallway, Dining Room, Lounge, oak framed Garden/Family Room
- Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom, 2 first floor Bedrooms, Bathroom & Study
- Second floor 3rd Bedroom and En-Suite.
- Good sized gardens, Workshop/Office, Log Store and Dog Run
- UPVC D/G, Gas C/H solar thermal panels, electric PV solar panels
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Weston Rhyn** £114,995

- A well maintained and deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
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- 2 good size Bedrooms & Bathroom
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- Allocated parking to rear
- Gas C/H & D/G. EPC Rating C (70)




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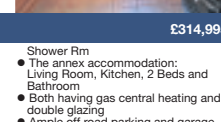

Llanrhaeadr YM £250,000

- NO CHAIN - An idyllic Detached Country Cottage set in an elevated position
- With outstanding views over the Tanat Hills and surrounding countryside
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility and ground floor Shower room
- 3 Double Bedrooms (1 en-suite) and a separate Family Bathroom
- The property stands in large lawned gardens
- Ample off road parking together with a single garage
- Concrete shed and former pig styes
- Oil central heating is installed throughout




Ardmillan Close, Oswestry £314,995

- Rare opportunity to purchase a 3 Bedroom Detached House with a self contained 2 Bed Annex
- The main house accommodation: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Rear Hall, Utility & Cloaks, 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathrm & Separate Shower Rm
- The annex accommodation: Living Room, Kitchen, 2 Beds and Bathroom
- Both having gas central heating and double glazing
- Ample off road parking and garage together with enclosed gardens

**Regent Court
Oswestry** £120,000

- Well appointed 2 Bed 1st Flr Apartment
- Living/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms (master en-suite)
- Sep Shower Rm, Secure car parking
- 24 hour resident secretary, communal lounge & garden
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•• LOT 1 ••

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Queens Head Garages Welshpool. Guide: £20,000

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18 Penhelig, Aberdyfi Guide Price: £129,950

•• LOT 4 ••

Terrace cottage with stunning views over the Estuary. 1 bedroom accommodation in need of some modernisation. Ideal for holiday let use. Within walking distance to the Penhelig Arms, Yacht club and Aberdyfi's waterside attractions. EPC Rating=54

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•• LOT 5 ••

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Land South of Trewern House Guide Price: £65,000

•• LOT 6 ••

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•• LOT 7 ••

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•• LOT 8 ••

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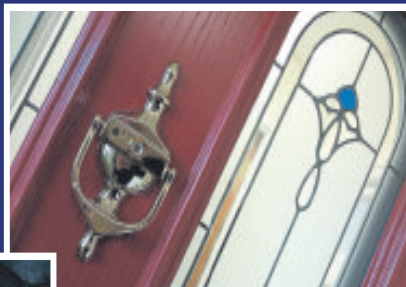
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Sex symbol? I just wanted to be Elvis

Punk pioneer Suzi Quatro has long been celebrated for paving the way for women in rock, with a no-nonsense attitude and kickass lyrics to match.

But surprisingly, looking back, Suzi had no idea there were even barriers to break down – and never considered herself as 'gendered'; wanting, as a child, to grow up to be Elvis Presley.

"I can't say that I knew that was what was happening, but I will say that all this time, all I was ever doing I was being myself," said Suzi, now aged 66.

"I've never been a gendered person. I saw Elvis when I was six-years-old on TV and thought 'that's going to be me'. It didn't even occur to me that he was a guy.

"I've talked to guys about this. I think it had to be somebody like me to pave the way.

"I kicked that door open, but I'd never had a female role model.

"Not that I realised what I was doing back then. I'd been in bands since I was 14.

"I wasn't even aware there was a 'door'."

Suzi, who achieved great success with hits such as Can The Can and 48 Crash, says that despite the difficult time in which her career began in the early seventies, she also never encountered any significant sexism or stereotyping – despite the issues which reportedly remain in the industry today.

"I always took myself seriously. What you give out, you get back," adds Suzi.

"I was a serious bass player. Don't mess with me – that was the vibe I gave out.

"You know, you just can't teach this to people. I can be one of the guys, up to a point – but there's a line.

"If men step over that line, they only do it once.

"I had some issues in the very, very early days when playing clubs with the bands. They wanted us to wear mini skirts because we were girls. Not that I minded wearing skirts, I just didn't like being dictated to.

"I came from a family of four girls – and we're all ballsy ladies.

"I'm the kind of person who believes everyone should shine their light. Gender simply shouldn't come into it.

"If you want to stay at home and be a housewife, and that will make you happy, then do it. Be who you are."

Despite always carrying a very sexy image, Suzi rarely bared any skin – and, as such, takes a dim view of female stars feeling the need to expose themselves to obtain fame and recognition.

"I think people like Cher and Madonna were true to themselves at the time," says Suzi.

"But nowadays, a lot of women stars are basically naked on stage. They think they're running the show and that they're in control, but they're not.

"I had a sexy image, but I was never up there exposing anything.

"I'm really hoping it will turn around again soon. It's not what I fought for."

The star will perform at the Genting Arena on October 14, on the Legends Live tour – accompanied by Hot Chocolate, The Osmonds and David Essex.

"I'm touring with David Essex – we used to see each other at every Top Of The Pops. I'm really pleased to be headlining this tour with people I know. We all started off in the same era.

"I'm going to get a few poker games going, I tell you.

"I can't say I know The Osmonds as well though.

"Errol Brown, meanwhile, was good friend. I loved him truly. Before I'd made it, I was at his

Smoulder – but Suzi's never exposed much flesh



house and asked if he could lend me £5.

"For 35 years, every time I saw him after that, he'd say 'don't you pay me back, that was a lucky £5'. He was such a lovely man.

"The show will pretty much be made up of all the hits – that's what the fans will be there for."

Suzi, who previously had a show on ITV called Gas Street, has had plenty of experience in Birmingham, having filmed the programme there.

"I like it very much. There's a nice big shopping centre there, which I'll certainly be visiting. I'm a mallaholic any way," laughs Suzi.

"I'll be sure to have an Indian meal while I'm in Birmingham too. It has to be done. Indian food isn't big in the US like it is here, but I love it."

In recent years, Suzi has worked on other projects – forming a supergroup called QSP with Bilston-born Don Powell from Slade and Andy Scott from The Sweet.

She also released a poetry book in 2014 named Through My Eyes and was named Doctor Of Music last October by Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge.

"I don't even have a high school diploma, so I was absolutely thrilled," adds Suzi.

"I have got a bucket list. And I'm very proud of the poetry I've released.

"I've also formed a new band called QSP. The album's come out in Australia and it's already at number 23 in their charts.

"I'd really like to make a film of my life next.

"I'm currently part way through writing a novel. I used a rock and roll girl as the lead character, but it's

I believe everyone should shine their light. Gender simply shouldn't come into it.

not me. In fact, as the story goes on, the characters seem to have minds of their own.

"And I've still got my Quatrophonic show on Radio Two. I'm a busy girl."

If given the opportunity to duet with anyone from history, Suzi says her top choices would include Elvis and Otis Redding. Modern day stars she'd like to work with, meanwhile, include Melissa Etheridge, Tom Petty or KT Tunstall.

"I'm also a huge fan of Bob Dylan," adds Suzi.

"I'd give both arms and legs to work with him.

"If I could meet anyone from throughout history, I would love to meet Jesus. He must have been the most charismatic of people.

"He'd be a good dinner partner too – you'd never have to buy wine."

More than 45 years after she launched her solo career, Suzi says the greatest thrill is still performing live.

"I really love my fans. It's a huge thrill every show when I see everyone walking away with a smile on their faces – and I can think, 'I did that'. If that happens, I really am a happy girl," she adds.

"You can't buy that feeling for all the money in the world.

"It's just who I am, I'm a born entertainer."

Kirsten Rawlins

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Real mix of talent to take the festival stage

This year's Hay Festival will see a variety of talent perform.

Former Pop Idol singer Will Young will be among the stars taking part in the world famous festival, which this year runs from May 25 to June 2 at its base in Mid Wales.

Known for hits such as Leave Right Now and Evergreen, Will Young will bring jazz to the Tata Tent for a rare performance on May 31.

It is a coup for organisers preparing for the prestigious event's 30th anniversary.

Young, who dropped out of the last series of Strictly Come Dancing for personal reasons, has produced multi-platinum albums and sell-out live tours since he was runner-up to Gareth Gates on the TV talent show in 2002.

But he has always had a passion for jazz and will perform his favourite numbers as well as some funny stories and commentary throughout, organisers have said.

Following on from the release of Summer Covers, an eclectic mix of fan-favorite jazz covers, Will Young will return to the stage with his incredibly talented band.

Alongside some classic jazz standards, he will also perform new adaptations.

Off the back of his recent fourth UK No.1 album '85 Proof', and its accompanying Love Revolution tour, Will released his most recent EP entitled 'Summer Covers' - a euphoric, eclectic mix of fan-favourite covers recorded live in Dean Street Studios with the same band line-up from his jazz residency at the legendary British jazz venue the 606 Club, in 2010.

Meanwhile, Ken Dodd will bring his unique form of comedy to the Hay stage.

Ken Dodd is a comedian of legendary status; an icon and national treasure who has been entertaining audiences for a lifetime of happiness and laughter.

He returns to the festival for a 30th anniversary celebration show.

Come and be absolutely discomknockerated - that's Knotty Ash for 'over the moon' - by a truly tattfeliarius (fun-filled) evening of laughter and songs presented by a comedy genius.

Enjoy a fun-filled variety show for all the family, with non-stop gags and a selection of songs in Ken Dodd's unique Happiness Show.

Ken Dodd works mainly in the music hall tradition, although, in the past, has occasionally appeared in drama, including as Malvolio in Shakespeare's Twelfth Night on stage in Liverpool in 1971; on television in the cameo role of 'The Tollmaster' in the 1987 Doctor Who story Delta and the Bannermen; and as Yorick (in silent flashback) in Kenneth Branagh's film version of Shakespeare's Hamlet in 1996.

In the 1960s his fame in the UK was such that he rivalled the Beatles as a household name, with his recording of 'Tears' being the UK's third-best-selling single of the 1960s. His records have sold millions worldwide.

As of 2017, he continues to tour the UK with his comedy and music show.

Dodd is renowned for the length of his performances, and during the 1960s he earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records for the world's longest ever joke-telling session: 1,500 jokes in three and a half hours (7.14 jokes per minute), undertaken at a Liverpool theatre, where audiences were observed to enter the show in shifts.

Dodd has appeared on many Royal Variety

Will Young will be one of the stars at this year's Hay Festival



Performances. The most recent was in 2006, in front of Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, at the London Coliseum. During this performance, he reprised some of his famous jokes, including those about tax accountants as well as singing his famous song - 'Happiness'.

He continues to tour and, despite his age, his shows still frequently do not finish until after midnight.

Other names coming to Hay are artist Tracey Emin, who will be in conversation with Dylan Jones, and chess player Garry Kasparov who will discuss with event founder Peter Florence the watershed moment he was beaten by a computer.

The 2016 Man Booker Prize winner Paul Beatty will chat about his biting satire The Sellout.

There will also be a return of Letters Live, which is back for a fourth year after sellout performances featuring Benedict Cumberbatch, Louise Brealey, Mark Strong, Olivia Colman, Toby Jones and Jude Law.

It has rapidly established itself as a dynamic new

format for presenting memorable letters to a live audience.

For 29 years Hay Festival has brought together writers from around the world to debate and share stories at its festival in the staggering beauty of the Welsh Borders. Hay celebrates great writing from poets and scientists, lyricists and comedians, novelists and environmentalists, and the power of great ideas to transform our way of thinking.

Festival organisers believe the exchange of views and meeting of minds that their festivals create inspire revelations personal, political and educational.

Hay is, in Bill Clinton's phrase, 'The Woodstock of the mind'.

Hay Festival was founded around a kitchen table in 1987 and continues to attract the most exciting writers, filmmakers, comedians, politicians and musicians to inspire, delight and entertain. Call 01497 822629 for tickets or visit www.hayfestival.com

Young DJ hopes to top the dance charts

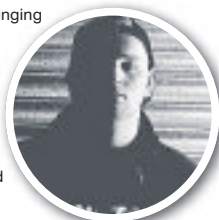
A young DJ who is bringing the Ibiza sound to the region has released a single in a bid to top the dance charts.

Rob Griffiths, 18, from Montgomery near Welshpool - known in musical circles as Innerkey - has launched his own House and Techno event Forte808, which is gathering followers across the country.

Rob said: "Just before Ibiza last summer, I played my first festival and the moment I landed on the plane from Ibiza, I knew this is what I wanted to do. Since then I have been working very hard in the studio on my own music hoping for it to get heard."

"Luckily, I have just had my debut single, We Like Acid (music) signed and released on Whartone Records. This year is only the beginning of my journey into this scene. I aim to take things much further and bring all my friends who have helped and supported me along for the ride."

Rob's single can be downloaded at www.traxsource.com/search?term=innerkey.



Junkyard musical is at theatre now

A new musical, Junkyard, written by BAFTA Award-winning writer Jack Thorne, whose recent credits include the West End hit Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, is being produced at Theatr Clwyd, Mold.

With music by Oscar-winning composer Stephen Warbeck, Junkyard tells the story of a group of misfit teenagers who come together to build an adventure playground.

It runs at the theatre until April 15 with tickets ranging from £25-£10 and special, £5 tickets for the under 30s are available until April 4.

Mamma Mia show on a three-week run



Feel-good musical Mamma Mia! is heading to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre for a three-week run next year.

The show will hit the stage on February 6, 2018 and run until February 24 as part of its first ever UK tour.

Mamma Mia! is Judy Craymer's combination of ABBA's songs with a tale of family and friendship unfolding on a Greek island paradise.

To date, it has been seen by more than 60 million people in 50 productions in 16 different languages. The movie of the show is the highest worldwide grossing live-action musical film of all time.

Tickets are available through the Grand Theatre box office by calling 01902 429212.

Chamber choir's spring concert

A chamber choir will perform its spring concert this weekend.

The Cantiones Chamber Choir, along with the Border Chamber Orchestra and soloists from the Birmingham Conservatoire, will perform on Saturday at Holy Trinity Church in Oswestry.

The performance will start at 7.30pm. For further details call 01691 238227.

April 1



Casualty
8.25pm
Alicia wakes up in Sam's bed, while Iain and Gem's relationship is tested when they spend the day together on the rig and Iain is confronted with his biggest fear. Evie is confronted at home by a masked intruder who attacks her and when she manages to escape, she is hit outside by Susie's car.



Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands
8pm
Paul Murton embarks on his most difficult journey to date as every destination has been long abandoned by people, meaning there are no ferries, piers or proper landing stages. He visits the once-inhabited island of Heisgeir.



Superman
2.40pm
A fledgling superhero crash-lands on Earth after evacuation from his home planet and is taken in by an elderly couple who raise him as their own. But with adolescence comes a greater understanding of his superhuman powers. Comic-strip adventure, with Christopher Reeve.



Titanic
7pm
A party of explorers studying the remains of the liner meets an elderly woman who was a passenger on the maiden voyage. She recounts how she boarded the ship while on the brink of being forced into marriage by her family. Oscar-winning romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio.



FIA Formula E Live: Mexico
10.30pm
The Mexico City ePrix. Coverage of the fourth round of the campaign from the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico. This track has held numerous races from Formula 1 to the World Endurance Championship during its illustrious history and many different configurations.

BBC1	
6.00	Breakfast.
10.00	Saturday Kitchen Live. John Torode is joined by chefs Ben Tish and Tommy Banks and wine expert Peter Richards. Featuring classic clips from Rick Stein, Nigella Lawson, the Hairy Bikers and the Spice Men.
11.30	Mary Berry Everyday. Ideas to make everyday family meals special. (R)
12.00	Football Focus. Dan Walker and guests look forward to the weekend's fixtures, which include Liverpool v Everton and Arsenal v Manchester City in the Premier League.
1.00	BBC News: Weather.
1.15	Bargain Hunt. Two teams are challenged to scour an antiques fair and pick up bargains to sell for profit at auction.
2.15	Escape to the Country. Jules Hudson helps a buyer find a home in Snowdonia close to her family and able to accommodate a business, as well as learning about shepherding in the protected landscape. (R)
3.15	Money for Nothing. Sarah Moore transforms items reclaimed from a Walsall tip. (R)
4.00	Final Score. Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news from the Premier League, EFL and Scotland.
5.15	FILM: Madagascar (2005). Various inmates of a city zoo escape captivity, but end up stranded on an island with no clue how to survive. Animated comedy, with the voices of Ben Stiller and David Schwimmer.
6.35	BBC News.
6.45	Midlands Today; Weather.
6.50	Pointless Celebrities. A medical version of the celebrity quiz, with contestants Guy Henry, Rosie Marcel, Vicki Pepperdine, Ricky Grover, Raji Singh, Hilary Jones, Charles Dale and Amanda Henderson.
7.40	Who Dares Wins. Game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.
8.25	Casualty. Alicia wakes up in Sam's bed, while Iain and Gem's relationship is tested when they spend the day together on the rig and Iain is confronted with his biggest fear.
9.15	All Round to Mrs Brown's. Agnes and the family are joined by Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield, who are put through their paces in the Brown family version of The Cube.
10.15	BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.30	Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Liverpool v Everton at Anfield and Burnley v Tottenham Hotspur at Turf Moor.
12.00	FILM: Jagged Edge (1985). A defence attorney is hired to clear a publishing magnate of murdering his wife, only to end up falling for him. Thriller, starring Glenn Close.
1.45	Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.50	BBC News.

BBC2	
6.15	A to Z of TV Gardening. Carol Kirkwood looks at subjects beginning with the letter J. (R)
7.00	FILM: Beautiful But Dangerous (1954). Comedy drama, starring Jean Simmons and Robert Mitchum.
8.25	FILM: We Dive at Dawn (1943). Second World War adventure, starring John Mills.
10.00	Natural World. A leopard and its cubs try to survive in the wilds of Botswana. (R)
11.00	Homes Under the Hammer. Properties in south Wales, Southampton and east London. (R)
12.00	Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. The chef gives six masterclasses in basic cooking techniques. (R)
12.30	Hairy Bikers' Best of British. The duo explore the food provided by British waterways. (R)
1.15	FILM: Gypsy (1962). Musical about striptease artist Gypsy Rose Lee, following her relationship with her ambitious mother. Starring Rosalind Russell and Natalie Wood, with songs by Stephen Sondheim.
3.30	Natural World. Some of the most extraordinary inter-species partnerships in the wild. (R)
4.30	University Challenge. The first semi-final. (R)
5.00	Only Connect. The second semi-final. (R)
5.30	Flog It! From Colchester, Essex. (R)
6.30	Gardeners' World. Monty Don begins a brand new project when he starts a new soft fruit garden, and also plants new potatoes and divides herbaceous plants in the jewel garden. Including weather. (R)
7.00	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby. Giles Coren and Monica Galetti join the staff working in some of the most extraordinary hotels around the world, beginning with Marina Bay Sands in Singapore. (R)
8.00	Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands. Paul Murton visits the once-inhabited island of Heisgeir, sails around the gannet haven of Sula Sgeir and endures rough seas to make landfall on North Rona. Last in the series.
8.30	Dad's Army. The men of Walmington-on-Sea's Home Guard use up all their ammunition shooting at a passing aircraft, so Captain Mainwaring has to hold a court of inquiry. (R)
9.00	QI XL. Stephen Fry invites David Mitchell, Sue Perkins and Sami Shah to join regular panellist Alan Davies as he meanders about some places that start with the letter M.
9.45	FILM: Jimi: All Is By My Side (2013). Premiere. Biopic of Jimi Hendrix, following the year he spent living in London that shaped him into a musical legend. Starring Andre Benjamin.
11.35	FILM: Populaire (2012). A woman with a gift for typing catches the eye of an advertising executive, who trains her for a speed typing contest. Comedy, starring Deborah Francois.
1.20	This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV	
6.00	CITV: Bottom Knocker Street 6.10 Bottom Knocker Street 6.25 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.45 Sooty 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.00 Oddbods 7.05 Thunderbirds Are Go
7.30	Scrambled! Scrambled! Two hours of children's fun.
7.35	Scrambled! Mr Bean: The Animated Series. The halfwit becomes a hero. (R)
7.50	Scrambled! NinjaGo: Masters of Spinjitzu. Four ninja warriors battle dark Lord Garmadon. (R)
8.20	Scrambled! Horrid Henry. Cartoon about a mischievous youngster. (R)
8.45	Scrambled! Teen Titans Go! The teenage superheroes fight to save the world.
9.05	Scrambled! Adventure Time. Fun for children. (R)
9.25	Alphabetical. Quiz, hosted by Jeff Stelling. (R)
10.20	James Martin's French Adventure. The chef visits the locations that inspired his culinary career, beginning in St Emilion. (R)
11.20	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury. A walk around Malham in the Yorkshire Dales. (R)
11.50	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
12.00	Rebound. Quiz, hosted by Sean Fletcher. (R)
12.55	FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993). Comedy sequel, starring Charles Grodin.
2.40	FILM: Superman (1978). Comic-strip adventure, starring Christopher Reeve.
5.30	ITV News Central; Weather.
5.45	ITV News and Weather.
6.00	You've Been Framed! Let Loose! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents.
7.00	Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. Dermot O'Leary joins the duo on tonight's show for an edition of I'm A Celebrity Get Out of Me Ear! Plus, Ant and Dec take a journey through time back to the 1980s.
8.30	The Voice UK. This year's contest concludes with a two-part finale as four acts face the ultimate test of their vocal abilities, with only three going through to the last stage.
10.20	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.35	Lethal Weapon. A man wrecks a jewellery store and puts a security guard in hospital. Murtaugh delves deep into the psyche of the suspect, and draws parallels between him and his partner Riggs. (R)
11.35	The Chase. Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on quiz expert the Chaser and secure a cash prize. (R)
12.30	Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	Who's Doing the Dishes? Footballer Wes Brown plays host. (R)

Channel 4	
6.05	Triathlon: Challenge Wanaka. Highlights from New Zealand's South Island.
6.30	The King of Queens. The gang goes paintballing. Ricki Lake guest stars. (R)
6.55	The King of Queens. Deacon lies to his wife. (R)
7.20	The King of Queens. Carrie wonders about her marriage. (R)
7.45	Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
8.10	Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
8.35	Frasier. Guest starring Amanda Donohoe. (R)
9.05	Frasier. The brothers suspect Martin may have had an affair. (R)
9.40	The Big Bang Theory. (R)
10.05	The Big Bang Theory. (R)
10.30	The Big Bang Theory. Raj tries to date Lucy and Emily at the same time. (R)
11.00	The Simpsons. Bart is banned from seeing the new Itchy and Scratchy film. (R)
11.30	The Simpsons. Marge decides to get a job. (R)
12.00	The Simpsons. Bart develops a crush on his babysitter. (R)
12.30	Extreme Food. Kenyan chef Kiran Jethwa travels to the Nepalese Himalayas.
1.00	Come Dine with Me. A PR manager hosts the first evening in and around Belfast. (R)
1.30	Come Dine with Me. Carpenter Neil hosts the second dinner party in and around Belfast. (R)
2.00	Come Dine with Me. Business owner Paul hosts the third dinner party in and around Belfast. (R)
2.30	Come Dine with Me. DJ and events organiser Ryan is the next to host in Belfast. (R)
3.00	Come Dine with Me. Cailin is pinning her hopes of winning on a Eurovision extravaganza. (R)
3.30	A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. A Wiltshire couple search for a holiday home in France's Loire Valley. (R)
4.35	Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp helps a man find a home with plenty of space for his car collection. (R)
5.35	Grand Designs. A man aiming to build one of the largest homes ever featured on the show. (R)
6.30	Channel 4 News.
7.00	FILM: Titanic (1997). A society girl falls in love with a penniless artist during the liner's ill-fated voyage. James Cameron's Oscar-winning romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio.
10.45	FILM: Colombiana (2011). An orphan grows up to be an assassin while secretly plotting revenge on the gangsters who murdered her parents. Action thriller, starring Zoe Saldana and Cliff Curtis.
12.45	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. Part two of two. Mill Street Bistro proprietor Joe Nagy slips back into his old ways. (R)
1.35	Our Guy in China. (R)
2.30	Hollyoaks.
4.35	Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R)
5.30	Fifteen to One. (R)

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10.05	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Access.
10.40	Police Interceptors Unleashed.
10.50	Police Interceptors. (R)
11.20	On Benefits: Life on the Dole. Single parents living on state welfare. (R)
1.20	On Benefits: Life on the Dole. People struggling to survive island life. (R)
2.20	18 Kids & Claiming Benefits. Women who claim benefits while looking after several children. (R)
3.20	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. A man happily living in his garden shed. (R)
4.15	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. A landlady gets a shock when she finally gains access to her property. (R)
5.15	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. A tenant in rent arrears barricades her front door. (R)
6.10	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. The officers chase a debt of almost £2,000 in unpaid parking fines, and later encounter the extraordinary case of a debt of £80,000 owed by a hotel owner to his ex-girlfriend. (R)
7.10	NCIS: Los Angeles. The team investigates when two pharmaceutical executives are murdered, uncovering a criminal who changes his identity for each offence he commits.
8.00	NCIS. A deep-sea diver is murdered on the job, and the team must identify which of his co-workers is the killer, before they are released from a four-day stint in a decompression chamber.
8.55	5 News Weekend.
9.00	Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Barnsley v Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle United v Wigan Athletic.
10.00	Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the latest games in Leagues One and Two, including Bolton Wanderers v Chesterfield and Grimsby Town v Doncaster Rovers.
10.30	FIA Formula E Live: Mexico. The Mexico City ePrix. Coverage of the fourth round of the campaign from the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico.
12.15	SuperCasino.
3.10	FILM: Blood Creek (2009). Horror, with Henry Cavill and Dominic Purcell.
4.45	House Doctor. (R)
5.15	Wildlife SOS. (R)
5.40	Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.50	Roary the Racing Car. (R)

April 2



Antiques Roadshow
8pm
Fiona Bruce presents the show from Caversham Park, near Reading, home to the BBC's international news monitoring service. Items brought in to be valued include some notes written by a 17th-century Shakespeare fan and a ring connected to a moving story of the California Gold Rush.



Turkey with Simon Reeve
9pm
In the second half of the journey, Simon travels along the Black Sea Coast to the capital of Ankara and the Northern Highlands, witnessing first hand the aftermath of fighting in Kurdish areas and meeting a conservationist attempting to preserve the region's brown bears.



Five Gold Rings
6pm
Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which two friends from Brighton take on a father and son to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor in five increasingly difficult stages. Viewers can play along using the series app.



Spying on the Royals
8pm
Examining an espionage operation conducted to gather information on Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson. Shown to mark the 80th anniversary of the king's abdication, the programmes examines recently declassified documents revealing the extent of the surveillance and who ordered it.



The Michael McIntyre Story
9pm
The comedian's rise to fame, examining the influence of his fellow comedian father on his early routines before his eventual breakthrough performance at the 2006 Royal Variety show. The programme also explores how he has been involved in series that have reinvented stand-up comedy on TV.

BBC1	
6.00	Breakfast.
7.25	Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Liverpool v Everton at Anfield and Burnley v Tottenham Hotspur at Turf Moor. (R)
9.00	The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00	The Big Questions. Nicky Campbell presents moral and religious discussions on topical issues from Patcham High School in Brighton.
11.00	Sunday Politics West Midlands. The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15	Bargain Hunt. Thomas Plant hosts as two soldiers go up against a pair of brothers, with the teams scouring the Norfolk Antiques Fair to buy three items they hope will make a profit at auction. (R)
1.00	BBC News; Weather.
1.15	Homes Under the Hammer. Lucy Alexander, Martin Roberts and Dion Dublin explore properties in Croydon, Oldham and Wollstanton in Staffordshire, then talk to the buyers about their plans for the buildings. (R)
2.10	Countryfile Spring Diaries. John Craven and the team report on the arrival of the tiny beetle that can make or break a crop, before embarking on a coastal forage. Plus, tips on how to keep bees. (R)
2.55	Escape to the Country. Finding a home in Leicestershire. (R)
3.20	Songs of Praise. Josie D'Arby visits the festival of Peterhead.
4.00	Rowing: The Boat Races. Clare Balding presents live coverage of the men's and women's University Boat Races on the River Thames, as Cambridge aim to retain the men's title, and Oxford the women's.
6.25	BBC News.
6.40	Midlands Today; Weather.
6.50	Countryfile. Reports on the UK's forests. Matt Baker helps out with an inventory of the New Forest's trees, and Ellie Harrison visits Inverness to take a look at industrial timber production.
8.00	Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Caversham Park, near Reading, home to the BBC's international news monitoring service. Finds include some notes by a 17th-century Shakespeare fan.
9.00	Line of Duty. A new DCI is placed in charge of Operation Treadpad as evidence that an innocent man has been convicted emerges, but the AC-12 team find the main informant has gone missing.
10.00	BBC News.
10.20	Midlands Today; Weather.
10.30	Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Arsenal v Manchester City at the Emirates Stadium and Swansea City v Middlesbrough at the Liberty Stadium.
11.35	I'm Different: Let Me Drive.
12.05	Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.10	BBC News.

BBC2	
6.15	An Island Parish. Members of the volunteer fire brigade take part in a training weekend. (R)
6.45	The Beechgrove Garden. New series. Carole Baxter sets about early spring pruning jobs.
7.15	Around the World in 80 Gardens. Monty Don takes his horticultural tour to the Mediterranean. (R)
8.15	Gardeners' World. Monty Don starts a new soft fruit garden. (R)
8.45	Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison explore Denbighshire. (R)
9.45	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series.
11.15	Nigel Slater: Eating Together. Three home cooks share recipes for soup. (R)
11.45	Simply Nigella. Recipes for dishes including Asian-flavoured short ribs and fish tacos. (R)
12.15	MOTD2 Extra. Mark Chapman presents football discussion.
1.00	World Figure Skating Championships. Highlights of the event from Helsinki, Finland.
3.00	When Danny Won the Masters. The story of Danny Willett's 2016 Masters victory.
3.30	Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman. Carol Kirkwood reminisces about a holiday in St Helier, Jersey, in 1973. (R)
4.00	The House That £100K Built. A couple build a modern family home from scratch. Last in the series. (R)
5.00	Flog It! Kate Bateman and David Barbry attend a valuing day at Colchester Town Hall. (R)
6.00	Inside the Factory: Cereal. Gregg Wallace and Cherry Healey return with the programme shedding light on the production of Britain's favourite products, beginning with popular breakfast cereals. (R)
7.00	Robot Wars. Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present the final heat, with reigning champion Apollo taking on seven rival fighting machines through two group battles and a mini-league.
8.00	Top Gear. Chris Harris and Sabine Schmitz compete in a buggy race across the Californian desert, and Matt LeBlanc test drives the Ford GT.
9.00	Turkey with Simon Reeve. Part two of two. Simon travels along the Black Sea Coast to the capital of Ankara, and witnesses first hand the aftermath of fighting in Kurdish areas before returning to Istanbul.
10.00	Live at the Apollo. Host Joe Lycett introduces Ivo Graham and Phil Wang to the stage before a packed house at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (R)
10.45	FILM: Dead Poets Society (1989). A teacher at a staid New England school in the 1950s raises eyebrows by encouraging his pupils to live life beyond their expectations. Drama, with Robin Williams and Ethan Hawke.
12.50	Sign Zone: Question Time. Topical debate from Carlisle. (R)
1.50	Sign Zone: Holby City. (R)
2.45	This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV	
6.00	CITV: Bottom Knocker Street 6.10 Bottom Knocker Street 6.25 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.45 Sooty 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.00 Oddbods 7.05 Thunderbirds Are Go
7.30	Scrambled!: Scrambled!
7.35	Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. Noisy neighbours drive Bean mad. (R)
7.50	Scrambled!: Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. Part four of four. Spidey teams up with alternative versions of Spider-Man.
8.20	Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. Henry and Ralph plan the Raid of the Century. (R)
8.45	Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! The teenage superheroes fight to save the world.
9.05	Scrambled!: Adventure Time. Fun for children. (R)
9.25	ITV News.
9.30	Countrywise: Guide to Britain. Liz Bonnin walks part of the Thames Path through Oxfordshire. (R)
10.00	Secret Dealers. A Worcester vase attracts the dealers' attention. (R)
11.00	Wild Australia with Ray Mears. Exploring the rainforest. (R)
11.30	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
11.45	FILM: From Russia with Love (1963). James Bond thriller, starring Sean Connery.
2.00	The Voice UK. This year's contest concludes with the first part of a two-part final. (R)
3.50	Little Big Shots. Dawn French meets a 12-year-old ventriloquist. (R)
4.55	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule. With Ross Noble, David O'Doherty, Gloria Hunniford and Raleigh Ritchie. (R)
5.30	ITV News Central; Weather.
5.40	ITV News and Weather.
6.00	Five Gold Rings. Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which two friends take on a father and son to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor.
7.00	The Voice UK. Conclusion of the two-part final, as we learn which of the three remaining acts will be this year's winner and gain a prestigious contract with Polydor Records. Last in the series.
8.00	Vera. The detective investigates when a student falls to his death in mysterious circumstances, so Vera turns to friends and family to glean all she can about the dead man.
10.00	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.15	The Nightly Show Best Bits. Highlights of the fifth week of the entertainment show, with Gordon Ramsay presenting a mix of topical monologues, studio games, celebrity guests, stand-up and video clips.
10.45	FILM: Hard Target (1993). An out-of-work merchant sailor investigates sadistic hunters who stalk human prey in New Orleans. John Woo's action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Yancy Butler.
12.30	Jackpot247.
3.00	The Cube. (R)
3.50	ITV Nightscreen.
5.05	The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

Channel 4	
6.20	The King of Queens. Doug dreams about appearing in TV shows. (R)
6.45	The King of Queens. Carrie persuades Arthur to attend an old people's centre. (R)
7.10	The King of Queens. Doug is fired from his job. (R)
7.35	Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray uncovers a shocking secret. (R)
8.00	Everybody Loves Raymond. Debra helps plan a recruitment party. (R)
8.30	Frasier. Daphne helps Frasier decide whether to advertise a restaurant. (R)
9.00	Frasier. Bulldog quits his job. (R)
9.30	Sunday Brunch. With guests Michael Bolton, Samantha Womack, Sacha Dhawan and Philip Glenister.
12.30	The Simpsons. Bart and Milhouse take over the comic-book shop. (R)
12.55	The Simpsons. With the voices of Venus and Serena Williams. (R)
1.25	The Simpsons. With the guest voice of Joan Rivers. (R)
1.50	Gogglesprogs. Youngsters' opinions of The Undateables, Donald Trump and Mamma Mia! (R)
2.55	FILM: Gulliver's Travels (2010). Fantasy comedy, starring Jack Black.
4.30	FILM: Night at the Museum (2006). Fantasy comedy, starring Ben Stiller.
6.35	Channel 4 News.
7.00	Titanic: The New Evidence. Investigative journalist and Titanic expert Senan Molony examines recently recovered photographs of the doomed ship, which provide fresh insight into the reasons for its sinking. (R)
8.00	Spying on the Royals. Part one of a two-part documentary examining surveillance conducted on Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson. Featuring dramatic reconstructions and eyewitness accounts.
9.00	Homeland. Dar plays his hand and Quinn revisits his past.
10.05	Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
11.00	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the hybrid comedy panel quiz show, as guest team captain David Williams joins forces with Jonathan Ross, while Jon Richardson teams up with Joe Lycett. (R)
12.00	FILM: Seven Psychopaths (2012). A writer turns to two crooks for advice about a script, but ends up in danger when they kidnap a gangster's dog. Comedy thriller, with Colin Farrell and Sam Rockwell.
2.00	The Last Leg. The Philanthropist actors Lily Cole, Simon Bird and Tom Rosenthal join Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker for a comic review of the past seven days. (R)
2.55	Great British Buildings: Restoration of the Year. Kevin McCloud and Anna Keay present the buildings in the Victorian category. (R)
3.50	Building the Dream. A couple cannot agree on what their dream home should look like.
4.45	Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

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9.45	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Don Vizioso plans to wipe out all the mutants in New York.
10.20	Football on 5: The Championship. Highlights of Barnsley v Sheffield Wednesday. (R)
11.05	Football on 5: Goal Rush. Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (R)
11.35	The Gadget Show. Craig Charles puts some smart headphones to the test. (R)
12.35	Police Interceptors. Sarah deals with the aftermath of a drunken brawl between two brothers. (R)
1.35	FILM: Operation: Daybreak (1975). Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Timothy Bottoms and Martin Shaw.
3.50	FILM: The Four Feathers (2002). Historical adventure, starring Heath Ledger.
6.15	5 News Weekend.
6.20	Inside Kensington Palace. The history of famous buildings, beginning by going behind the scenes of the royal residence, home to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and Prince Harry. (R)
7.05	Inside Buckingham Palace. Part two of two. Despite being closed and secretive, the Palace is a symbol of everything British. This edition reflects on previous monarchs' accomplishments during their reign. (R)
8.00	Disobedient Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. Compilation of internet videos featuring dogs doing humorous things.
9.00	The Michael McIntyre Story. Documentary about the comedian's rise to fame, examining his breakthrough performance at the 2006 Royal Variety show and role in the reinvention of stand-up comedy on TV.
10.30	20 Moments That Shocked Comedy. Countdown of memorable comedy moments, including the launch of The Young Ones and Spitting Image, and the controversy surrounding Monty Python's Life of Brian. (R)
12.00	Football League Tonight: The Checkatrade Trophy. Coventry City v Oxford United. Extended highlights of the Checkatrade Trophy final from Wembley Stadium.
12.45	Police Interceptors: Unleashed. (R)
1.10	SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming.
3.10	Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild. (R)
4.00	Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R)
4.50	House Doctor. (R)
5.15	Wildlife SOS. (R)
5.40	Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.50	Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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Stylish French chic that stands out

By Graham Breeze

The first thing you learn when driving a DS 5 is that you're going to stand out in any crowd because this is a car designed from top to bottom for those looking for style.

"What are you driving?" is the main question I was asked during a week behind the wheel of the Prestige Blue HDi because the DS5 no longer comes with Citroen branding – this is very much a stand-alone product now.

DS is the premium brand of the PSA Group, owners of Peugeot and Citroen, and was first announced by Citroen back in 2009. But it wasn't until 2015 that DS was given its own styling with distinctive rear badging and a separate identity from its Citroen sisters.

This really is a car to attract the style-conscious motorist. With flowing design and a range of stand-out colours to pick from there's something for every driver who wants to be seen.

But it's not just looks that make this car stand out – it's performance too. Because the 1997cc, 180hp turbocharged model on test raced from 0-62mph in 9.9second and had a top speed of 137mph. CO2 emissions are very competitive at 114g/km

The power is fed by a six-speed automatic gearbox which DS has called "Eat6". It's the same unit used in some models by Peugeot but for some strange reason doesn't seem as clunky. In fact the test model was a sheer joy to drive.

Handling is about what you would expect from a model where the suspension has been softened but surprisingly heavy steering was noticeable when trying to park in those tight



There's leather treatment inside

spaces. A bit embarrassingly for the driver at times in fact.

It's stacked from top-to-bottom with the type of kit you would expect to find in a much more expensive car too with cruise control, tyre pressure monitor and a seven-inch touchscreen interface controlling all the functions.

Other standard items include Sat Nav, steering wheel mounted controls, a reversing camera, a cockpit roof with toggle switches, electric powered steering, electric roof sunblinds and a noise reducing laminated front window.

Safety has not been forgotten and you get ABS, ESB and EBA braking, hill start assist, all-round airbags, height adjustable front seats, an automatic hand brake, blind spot monitoring and seatbelt warning alerts on all seats.

There's also keyless entry deadlocks, immobiliser, an alarm system, automatic



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door and boot locking while on the move and automatic activation of the hazard lights if you should get into trouble.

18-inch alloys are standard as are body coloured mirrors, bumpers and door handles and you get chrome exhaust styling.

Inside the DS 5 gets the leather treatment on the binnacle, steering wheel, the front and

rear door sill protectors and gear knob. It's a comfortable place to be too thanks to the adjustable seats, folding rear bench seat, front arm rest and five head restraints.

The Prestige Blue HDi hits the road at £33,580 but the metallic paint, brilliant heads-up display, electric comfort pack, sand beige leather, 19-inch alloys and Denon HiFi system

fitted to the test car took the figure up to £35,999 – which is a big bill to pay.

But while the initial cost may put a few off, running costs certainly won't. DS claim the 5 will return 62.4mp on the combined cycle – the test car got no-where near that figure though – but if you move quickly it will slot into the low tax banding.

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By Sharon Walters

Just occasionally you may have the need to take your everyday compact executive saloon off well-surfaced roads and on to something a little less smooth. And then there are the times when the well-surfaced roads become a little unfriendly when covered in mud, floodwater, ice or snow.

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And backing up that opinion are the awards for the A4 including 2017 Fleet World Awards for Best Compact Executive and one of the Best Cars in the World for Big Miles from the BBC Top Gear Magazine.

Fleet World judges said the A4 range was a revolution in its segment and while Top Gear drivers may well push cars to extremes they would never see in normal life, they praised the car's polish as well as performance.

And my week behind the wheel certainly fully tested what the allroad can offer.

My test car was the 3.0 TDi tiptronic which starts at £39,645 on-the-road.

Extras added to it took that cost up to just over £56,000 and made it a very luxurious compact. But in all reality half of those extras would have been enough for me and are good value if you can pay the bill.

The engine is smooth and sophisticated and despite its size incurs annual tax of £145, not a lot when you consider the price of the car – that's down to meeting Euro 6 and its 146 CO2 emissions.

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from potholes to muddy ruts. Plus you can optimise comfort by adding Adaptive Comfort Suspension with damping control or the Adaptive Sport Suspension which gives even better refinement and even better cornering stability. The allroad has fantastic ride quality and passengers easily fall asleep, as I discovered!

I had the 18 inch alloys which reduce fuel consumption but not a lot compared to the



Feeling safe – the Audi A4 allroad quattro is perhaps the best car to adapt to all kinds of road conditions and surfaces

standard 17s and I averaged close to 50mph on combined driving.

It will get from 0-62mph in 5.5 seconds when you need it and had plenty of oomph when you needed it for overtaking and for pushing through winding country lanes and through the Scottish Highlands.

It has a slightly more rugged look than the standard A4 with plastic body cladding on the wheelarches, sills and roof rails plus metallic

skidplates front and rear. And there's a raised ride height which greatly helped me on some rutted forest roads.

Inside it has a quiet and comfy cabin and so much technical gadgetry in the Audi virtual cockpit, it's difficult to get round it all... standard kit includes the Audi Smartphone Interface with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto plus my extras included the Bang & Olufsen 3D sound system (£975) which

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Osborne	23	6	0	17	439	815	31

**Wellington Winter
Dominoes League**

	P	W	L	F	A
Boresheoes	21	13	8116	73	55
Al Shovel A	21	12	9	99	90
Ark Hotel A	21	12	9	98	91
Al Shovel B	21	10	11	95	94
Captain Webb	21	9	12	87	102
Midway	21	8	13	88	101
Footpack	21	9	11	83	96
Ark Hotel B	21	9	12	88	101

Telford Snooker League

	P	W	L	F	A
Heath Hill Building & Roofing	19	15	4	70	25

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A
Central B	19	15	4	70	25

Lawley C	18	14	4	62	28
Lawley A	19	13	6	61	34
Madocks A	17	15	2	53	28

	P	W	L	F	A
adcock C	20	15	5	75	25
adcock D	20	14	3	69	31
adcock F	20	14	6	60	40
adcock G	20	12	5	59	41
adcock H	20	11	5	54	46
adcock I	20	13	7	53	47
adcock 2nd	20	11	9	51	49
adcock B (Dawley)	20	9	11	51	49
adcock Lads	20	5	15	37	63
adcock C (scout)	20	6	14	35	65
adcock Cue	20	5	15	34	66
adcock Z	20	5	18	22	78

Shrewsbury & District Snooker League

Shooter League						
Prignt Motors Snooker League One						
	P	W	L	F	A	P
anton A	23	20	3	82	33	89
anton D 23	17	6	31	34	82	80
anderson A	21	16	7	76	80	86
anderson B	23	10	10	60	50	65
en USC A	22	14	8	61	49	64
lele Bruce F	22	12	11	58	57	63
anton A	23	13	10	61	54	61
arleson B	23	12	11	55	60	65
lele Bruce A	22	8	14	51	59	51
ington Brockhurst	22	8	14	47	63	47
anderson A	22	10	12	49	61	50
agley B 23	6	17	39	76	39	
arleson D 22	5	16	36	74	37	
anton B 23	2	29	29	29	29	

BFB Carpets Snooker League Two						
	P	W	L	F	A	P
en USC C	24	19	5	87	33	87
anderson A	24	18	6	85	35	86
anley F	25	19	5	83	37	83

People Brace D	24	17	7	74	46	75
and Shrewsbury	24	16	8	72	48	71

Carlescott C	24	12	12	66	54	66
Brace G	24	13	11	65	65	55
Carlescott N	25	10	15	60	65	61
Carlescott E	24	12	12	57	63	61
Carlescott F	24	13	11	55	65	61
Carlescott A	23	11	12	53	62	53
Carlescott B	24	8	16	47	73	47
Carlescott C	24	6	19	42	78	42
Carlescott D	24	6	18	35	85	35
Carlescott F	24	1	23	23	97	23

Shrewsbury Premier Darts League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Carlescott A	25	19	5	1	137	63	43
Carlescott B	25	16	4	5	117	83	36
Carlescott C	25	15	5	5	123	77	35
Carlescott D	25	14	5	6	117	83	34
Carlescott E	25	13	6	6	111	89	33
Carlescott F	25	13	7	5	116	84	33

Brooklands.....	25	12	5	8	110	90	29
Leathgates.....	25	9	5	11	94	106	23

Myton Arms.....	25	6	3	16	87	113	15
Samuel Duncan B25 6			3	16	80	102	15
Rock and Fountain252	5	18	64	136	9		
Beeches.....	25	2	4	19	64	136	8
Woodman.....	25	1	4	20	65	135	6

Results

Leathgates 4 Duncan A 4; Masonic 4 Red
 Castle 4; Rock 4 Brooklands 4; Crown 5
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Llan out of Central Cup after eight goal thriller

PLUCKY Llanhaeadr bowed out of the Central Wales Cup with a 5-3 exit against Penrhyncoch in an entertaining quarter-final tie at sun-drenched Cae Baker.

Despite struggling for numbers, Llan gave the Cymru Alliance hosts a run for their money before just falling short following a spirited showing that saw them in contention for much of the tie.

They were in front on 10 minutes when Iain Edmunds rattled the post, and Tom Evans followed up to fire home the loose ball.

Penrhyn, also without some key personnel, capitalised on some defensive slips to hit back as keeper Connor Lee failed to deal with a corner, before the ball bounced into the net off a defender.

Sion James then headed the Roosters in front from a set play following more slack defending, but the Spar Mid Wales League visitors hit back to level with a stunning 30-yard strike from Dale Evans close to the interval.

However, the home side got their noses in front right on half time when Sion Meredith nodded in from another set play, which caused Llan problems all game.

Penrhyn made it 4-2 after the break courtesy of Owain James, Meredith then bagged his second to increase the lead before Iwan Matthews pulled one back with a fine solo run.

Holders

That was to prove the end of the scoring as the Roosters ensured their place in the semi-final, where they will meet the winners of either Aberaeron or Radnor Valley.

In the other semi-final Llanidloes Town or Caersws will play either holders Carno or Rhayader Town. The ties will be played at Neutral venues.

Llanhaeadr could take heart from their display despite having several key personnel missing, and still have two cups to play for - the Spar Mid Wales League Cup and the Montgomeryshire Challenge Cup.

They are in the last four of the Spar Cup where they will meet high flying Rhayader, while they tackle Carno in the last eight of the Montgomeryshire Cup.

A reduced fixture list in the Spar Mid Wales League saw Llansantffraid Village win 3-1 at basement side Penybont in division two.

Knighton Town prevailed 4-1 away to Radnor Valley in the first division, with Sam Williams scoring twice, and Chris Roff and Dan Farmer getting the others.

Chris Hughes' men have won six of their seven games since the second phase of the season, the other being drawn, and are now firmly in the box seat for the Europa League play-offs.

Rhyl, desperate for points to ease their relegation fears, carved several promising openings in the first half with Jack Perry pulling off a super save to deny Kristin Pierce.

Tom Goodwin and Price had the best chances for the Robins before the break, but the Mid Wales men punished the wasteful Lilywhites in the second half.

They broke the deadlock on 72 minutes when Nick Rushton released Kenton who fired his first goal in Newtown colours, before Oswell bagged his 18th goal of the season seven minutes later to clinch the points.

Town rock Blackpool with away win



Dan Tinsley slots in number two

FC Oswestry Town enjoyed their day out at the seaside after returning to winning ways in the Hall-mark North West Counties League division one with a 3-0 victory at AFC Blackpool.

Looking to finish the season with a flourish, Brendan Price gave Town the perfect start by finding the net in the fourth minute, before Dan Tinsley (70) and Dam Graham (84) settled the issue.

"It was a comfortable win," said manager Mike Barton. "I don't think they had a shot on goal all game, and were one of the worst sides we played this season.

"We could have won by more, but it was job done, and took us to 50 points for the season, which is a good landmark."

Victory lifted Town up one place to 10th, and they never looked back once Tom Rowlands released Price who fired across the keeper and into the net.

They spurned several promising positions to add a second goal, before Tinsley increased the lead midway through the second half when taking the ball off a defender and breaking through to score.

Price then turned provider with the cross for Graham to slot in his first goal for the club to complete the scoring.

Town make one of their longest trips of the season on Saturday when they head to Cumbria to face another lower league side, Holker Old Boys. Having won 4-2 at home when the sides met last month, they will be out to complete a double.

Llanfair surrender lead and vital points

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

RELEGATION fears continue to grow for Llanfair United who remain well adrift at the foot of the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance after being held 2-2 by Holywell Town at the Mount Field.

Llanfair had looked in sight of a precious win after carving a two-goal lead through a brace from Paul Griffiths on 25 and 61 minutes, his first goal from the penalty spot.

But they were pegged back as the mid-table Wellmen rallied with two replies from Jamie McDavid who pulled one back on 71 minutes before earning parity with a controversial spot kick seven minutes later.

There was no doubt about the first penalty scored by Griffiths, awarded for handball to give United the lead.

The same player then gave his side some breathing space when he broke away and coolly steered the ball home to double the lead.

However, 10 minutes later, McDavid evaded the Llanfair backline and slotted the ball past keeper Chris Brown to revive the visitors.

There was controversy on 78 minutes when Holywell were awarded a penalty after Joe Vaughan was harshly adjudged to have pulled down the visiting centre half. McDavid stepped up to dispatch his second from the spot to level matters.

Unlucky

The Wellmen were unlucky not to score in the final moments but a great block by Steve Andrew, a clearance off the line by Matt Spencer and the post spared Llanfair defeat as they at least walked away with a point.

The draw, however, leaves Llanfair marooned at the foot of the table, now needing nine points to get out of the bottom four with six games remaining.

Depleted GUILDSFIELD, looking to improve on their modest league form since the turn of the year, also shared the honours in their 1-1 draw at relegation haunted Buckley Town.

Adam Jenkins fired the Guils into a 25th minute lead, but the battling home side hit back to level early in the second period through Jacob Evans. The Clos Mytton side remain ninth in the table.

On a sunny afternoon at the Globe, the Mid Wales visitors - who were missing seven players - had the edge early on and took the lead when Jenkins followed up to score from a well worked free kick.



Llanfair's Paul Griffiths breaks clear to score his side's second against Holywell Town. ■ Pic: Jon Richards.

Long throws from Chris Cathrall as well as free kicks were causing the home defence problems, but the Guils could not find a second goal that their efforts deserved as they went into the interval with a slender one-goal lead.

And that advantage was soon cancelled out when the tenacious Jacob Evans wriggled his way through in the box before calmly rolling the ball into the net.

Buckley went close to taking the lead when defender Joel Haack found space in the Guilsfield penalty area but placed his header wide, while Corey Scarisbrick thought he had scored with a neat lob but was ruled offside.

Both sides could have won it at the end, with boss Dan Barton denied after his shot bobbled against the post in the closing moments.

Both Llanfair United and Guilsfield were left kicking their heels in midweek as their respective games away to Denbigh Town and home to Gresford Athletic were postponed due to waterlogged pitches.

Saturday's fixtures

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance (2.30): Caersws v Conwy Borough, Flint Town United v Gresford Athletic, Holyhead Hotspur v Penrhyncoch, Holywell Town v Ruthin Town, Llanfair United v Mold Alex, Porthmadog v Denbigh Town, Prestatyn Town v Guilsfield.

Record-breaking TNS are in cruise control

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

from the 2-1 loss at Gap Connah's Quay but he felt his side should have emerged more emphatic winners.

"We dominated from start to finish, we could have had eight or nine, but the win was important, and it was good to get back to playing the way we want," he said.

TNS could not have wished for a better start as they went ahead in the opening exchanges when Brobbel slotted past keeper Lee Idzi from an angle.

They continued to dominate with Cieslewicz chipping against the bar before the ball was cleared in the resulting melee.

But the high-riding hosts were not to be denied a second when Jamie Mullan broke through before playing in Cieslewicz who coolly slotted past Idzi in goal.

Carmarthen had one good effort, Brobbel clearing off the line from a corner, but Greg Draper should

Holley too sharp for Morda with a hat-trick

TITLE hopefuls Waterloo Rovers maintained their challenge in the Montgomeryshire League division one with a 5-1 beating of Morda United.

Three down at the interval to goals from Chris Hughes and a brace from Scott Holley, hosts Morda hit back through a superb George Turner free kick soon after the break.

Their hopes of a comeback, however, were jolted when Holley completed his hat-trick and Luke Evans added a fifth late on, although the visitors were perhaps a little flattered by the final score-line.

Morda started this game with three 16-year-olds in the line-up but were boosted by the temporary return of George Turner.

Turner, currently living away from the area through work, showed that, despite not playing regularly, he had lost none of his skills and was involved in several good moves with Jamie Evans.

After an even start, the visitors took the lead on 20 minutes when a Holley shot was too hot for the home keeper to handle.

Within five minutes, Hughes pounced on a loose ball to double the lead before a fine shot on the turn gave Holley his second goal 10 minutes before the break.

Morda stuck to their task and pulled a goal back when Turner found the net direct from a superb curling free kick.

The home side then enjoyed a good period of play with youngsters Sam Lawrence, Ben Thompson and Sam Chapman again showing good composure and determination.

United's hopes, however, were dashed 15 minutes from time when Holley secured his hat-trick with a header from a Jack Holley cross. Luke Evans completed the scoring for Rovers with a late header from a corner.

Match sponsors, for the second time this season, were near neighbours of the Morda Club, Stonehouse Brewery.

Morda now have just four league games to play, one at home and three away. They also have a Montgomeryshire Cup tie away at Guilsfield, and a Village Cup semi final to be played at Llansantffraid.

St Martins hit for six on off-night

ST MARTINS saw their revival in the West Midlands League division one hit for six after crashing 6-1 at home to Shropshire rivals Wem Town on a wet night at Park Hall.

The hefty defeat in an eventful clash kept the Saints languishing in the basement regions as they gear up for a tough home clash with high flying Hereford Lads Club on Tuesday.

The hosts were three goals down at the break after a poor first half show, and two more goals put paid to any hope of rescuing the game before Calum Bennett pulled one back with an excellent chip from the edge of the box.

The Saints' miserable night, though, was rounded off with Dave Hartshorn sent off for dissent before Wem had the last word with a sixth goal on the break.

Unbeaten in the previous three games, St Martins were second best as Wem went 3-0 up before the interval.

After the interval, hopes of rescuing the game faded as the hosts fell further behind to a long range effort before Wem made it 5-0 to effectively settle the outcome.

St Martins did get a goal back with a superb chip from Bennett before Harshorn saw red 10 minutes from time after which the visitors netted No6.

ST MARTINS VILLAGE slumped 4-0 at Craven Arms in the Mercian Regional League division one, while a depleted Gbowen Celtic succumbed 3-1 away to Groes in the premier division. Joe Pierpoint was on target for the visitors.

Guilsfield B top guns take home the Trophy

GUILSFIELD B struck the silver trail in the AE Autoelectrical sponsored Montgomeryshire Airgun League Handicap Trophy competition at the Royal Oak, Welshpool.

The villagers led the way in a team event consisting seven shooters, with the top six to count in final total. Each team member fired five shots for a top score possible of 25.5.

Their season's handicap score was then added to the scores on the night to give the team's overall total.

It proved closely contested with less than five points separating the top five teams, and the end result brought another trophy to Guilsfield, but this time it was the village's B team that were victorious with a combined score of 154.5.

The victors just out-shot Llanfair (153.6) by .9, with Crew Green B (153.5) claiming third, just missing out on the runners-up spot by .1.

There were 12 possibles of 25 scored during the evening, again emphasising the superb standard of shooting in the league.

Elsewhere, a team of 20 shooters captained by Brian Davies travelled to Bodenham, Herefordshire to take on a North Hereford Airgun League team in the Inter League cup.

The match consisted of a team of 20 shooters, each taking eight shots on to paper targets with a scoring system of six for breaking the bull spot (which is the size of a pin head). There was five for a bull then 4.3, and so on with the maximum possible score being 48.

The Montgomeryshire team came away victorious after outshooting their opponents with a total score of 820 to North Hereford's 812.

The team claimed nine head-to-head victories, six draws and five losses, with Jane Thomas and Richard Lewis top scoring for the Monty team with 45.

With 16 of the team scoring more than 40, it was a tremendous achievement and a well earned cup success.

■ A Montgomeryshire team of seven captained by Alan Baker competed in the quarter final shoot out of the West Midland Inter League Knockout cup against Bridgnorth Airgun League at Brosely.

The match is usually shot on a home and away basis. However, to save on travelling, the two legs were shot on the same evening at this neutral venue.

Teams consist of seven shooters each firing seven shots at bell target with a scoring system of 5.1 for a clean bull then 5, 4 etc. There is a maximum score of 35.7 with possibles of 35, and the top six scores count in final team score.

In the home leg, the Monty team took the match 206.5 to Bridgnorth's 200.3 with Richard Morgan (35.4) and Martin Pearce (35.2) getting possibles.

In the away leg, much the same result with the Monty team claiming victory with a score of 209.2 to 202.1 with possibles from Jane Thomas (35.2), Richard Lewis (35.3) and Richard Morgan (35.5) getting his second of the match.

Ian Curtis, of Bridgnorth, also shot two possibles of 35.5 and 35.4 in reply.

Llanfyllin hit back to net vital victory

LLANFYLLIN Town cranked up the pressure in the Montgomeryshire League division one with 3-1 success at Llanyrnnech.

The title chasers had to come from a goal behind before prevailing through an own goal, Matthew Digwood and Matty Evans.

Meanwhile, Hay St Mary's closed in on the Watson Financial Mid Wales (South) League title with a big 6-0 home success against Penybont Reserves. Freshet Wells Reserves notched their first win since October, a 5-2 victory at Presteigne Reserves.



Winger Harry Jukes touches down for COBRA against Bethesda and (right) Ed Davies goes up for the ball in a line-out. ■ Pics: Trevor Jones.



COBRA beaten – and battling to stay up

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

COBRA'S relegation plight deepened in rugby's North Wales League division one after slumping to a 23-14 loss at basement rivals Bethesda to remain in the drop zone

With three games remaining, the Meifod men had targeted the game as a must-win, particularly as they host high flying Nant Conwy the following week.

But they returned home empty handed as their losing run continued, and are now facing a real battle if the are to escape relegation this time around.

They are now four points adrift of Ruthin, while they have fallen seven adrift of Bethesda after a disappointing reverse. After Nant, they finish the season with winnable games against Ruthin and Colwyn Bay.

Having suffered a last-gasp 23-22 defeat at the hands of Caernarfon in their last action, COBRA were looking to bounce back as they battle to ease their relegation fears.

They were always in the game at Bethesda, but failed to exploit their opportunities as the home side gained what could prove a crucial win.

Fly half Will Worthington struck the post with a 40-yard penalty early on in what was to prove a very even game.

It was the home side who took the lead with a converted fry courtesy of a pick up and drive following an incisive break from their dangerous fly half.

COBRA were back on terms when winger Harry Jukes made a break, was tackled just short of the line, but the ball eventually found second row Matt Launder who crashed over, Worthington converting.

A couple of penalties from good field position put Bethesda back in front at 13-7 at half time, but the Llanfair visitors edged into the lead after the break when Jukes beat his man to go over in the corner, with Worthington adding the conversion from wide out.

They had their opportunities, but were not able to make them count as the home side hit back with a converted try, before a penalty made it 23-14.

COBRA battled hard, but could find no way back, while the game ended on an unsavoury note when a replacement forward for Bethesda was sent off in the closing moments for punching Worthington.

After a tight and scrappy first half, WELSHPOOL ran out comfortable 42-3 winners at struggling Rhos in the North Wales division three east.

After having no action two weeks before when visitors Machynlleth called off, Pool were happy to get back on the pitch.

And it was ultimately a convincing win against their struggling Wrexham hosts, with the Maesdre men running in seven tries in all.

They broke free in the second period, with No8 Ryan Goodwin crossing the line four times, while fly half Dylan Walton, winger Paul Davies and flanker and captain Joe Stranks also touched down. Tom Williams chipped in with two conversions and a penalty.

With the final of the Mid Wales Shield to play against either COBRA and Llandrindod Wells at the end of May, Pool now face the task of finding enough games in the next month to keep them up to match fitness.

Meanwhile COBRA's youth team brought some cheer for the club with a 32-19 win over local rivals Welshpool in the North Wales Youth League division two.

The young Meifod side were 17-0 before Pool reduced the arrears close to half time when prop Morgan Davies went over in the corner.

Flanker Huw Williams and second row replacement Kieran Goodwin also scored tries for Welshpool in the second period, with fly half Dan Earle providing two conversions, but COBRA were always clear.

Battling Eagles put up real fight



Oswestry's Luca Owen-Youens gives this tackler the slip on his way to a try. ■ Picture: Martin Ord.

OSWESTRY'S search for their first win of the season in the South Lincs and Cheshire One continues as they slipped to a 41-15 reverse at home to Bowdon.

Despite the scoreline, the Eagles played some terrific rugby to stop their strong opponents from Manchester scoring more points on a sunny day at Granville Park.

The game started with Oswestry on the attack with some confident rugby against the promotion contenders with their powerful centres of Andy Merrett, Viliame Masirewa and Luca Owen-Youens attacking the defensive lines.

The first score, however, came from Bowdon who used their fast backs well to get the ball to the winger who went over in the corner for an unconverted try.

But the home side were back on terms with an interception try from Masirewa as they showed they were up for the challenge.

The Eagles were now producing superb rugby with the pack, commanded by No8 James Booth, rucking well and sticking to the game plan.

A move started by Merrett saw the centres produce some sweet offloading as the experienced Masirewa broke through for his second unconverted try for a 10-5 lead.

Stung into action by their basement hosts, Bowdon went on the attack as they looked to find a way through some stiff resistance, before play was halted by injuries to both sides.

Eventually, the powerful visitors crossed the whitewash through the speedy winger, the try converted to give them a two point advantage.

Oswestry were reduced to 14 men with Olly Wilford sin-binned, and Bowdon capitalised with a third try, with went unconverted for a 17-10 lead.

The hosts, however, were still playing some terrific rugby as both teams carved chances to score, but the visitors added another score after gaining fast ball from a ruck to lead 24-10 at the break.

Yellow card

Oswestry came out for the second half with purpose, producing some fine moves from the pack to help the backs attack the Bowdon lines, and a mistake by the visitors resulted in a yellow card.

The Eagles took advantage of the extra man to score one of the best tries of this match, with Luca Owen-Youens starting a run from his 22, brushing aside attempted tackles before powering over in the corner.

Trailing 24-15, Oswestry were forced to reshuffle through injuries as Connor Lakin and Iwan Ellis were taken off with concussion after having played a tremendous tackling game.

Rich Owen was also sent off for 10 minutes for an alleged high tackle leaving the hosts a man short.

And Bowdon showed their credentials to cross for three more tries, one converted, to seal the victory, which was a harsh reflection on Oswestry's efforts.

There were several notable performances, with the Lanyon Bowdler and Hughes Brothers Oswestry man-of-the-match being No 8 James Booth.

It was the 21st defeat in 22 outings for the Eagles this season, their only joy coming with a draw against Southport, but they could take a lot of heart from their display.

They now face a daunting trek to the Isle of Man on Saturday when they take on title chasing Douglas, who are second, but have a game in hand.

OSWESTRY II made sure they remained in the North West Freshet League division four with a 41-29 victory away to fellow strugglers Sandbach Seconds. They are now fourth bottom.

Latest golf returns from Shropshire golf clubs

ARSCOTT

4BBB Stableford: P Slack, R Broadhurst 51pts; K Hands, M Newman 45pts; C J Rudd, B Cooke 43pts.

Irons and Putter Division 1: C Gettings 38pts (13); J Bunting 35pts (09); M Cowlishaw 35pts (07); Division 2: P Lloyd 45pts (26); P Sinclair 39pts (17); J V Larkham 40pts (16).

Extra Stableford Division 1: I Farquharson 40pts (10); M McAvoy 38pts (12); M Cooke 36pts (09); Division 2: I Carswell 45pts (23); C Rudd 41pts (15); J V Larkham 40pts (16).

Embrey Shield: M Cowlishaw & P Buckley beat N Jones & S Turner 20th hole.

HAWKSTONE PARK

Men's Extra Stableford Division 1: H Vaughan 40pts; T Nixon 39pts; K Atkinson 38pts. Division 2: C Tinsley 44pts; M Meredith 43pts; Vickerstaff 42pts.

Men's Stableford Division 1: T Nixon 39pts; W Hollinshead 39pts; A Burdock 39pts; Division 2: S Harris 44pts; C Payne 41pts; J Benson 40pts.

Ladies' February Medal: M Moore nett 77; K Gleave nett 80; J Wales nett 82.

Seniors' Stableford Division 1: B Parker 36pts; D Wright 34pts; S Rhodes 34pts; Division 2: J Snell 35pts; R Toogood 32pts; B Stokes 30pts.

HENLLE PARK

Ladies' March Stableford: A-M Stott 33pts (cb); M Pugh-Jones 33pts; P Tattersall 32pts (cb).

Seniors' Celts v English: English won 9 matches to 3.

Stableford Division 1: J Postle 38pts (cb); T Hart 38pts; Division 2: J B Evans 42pts; J Bostock 34pts.

Individual Stableford Division 1: P Hampson 39pts; C Andrews 37pts; Division 2: B Williams 37pts (cb); D Jones 37pts.

LLANYMYNECH

Two Man Texas Scumble (Medal): M Smith & A G Williams 55.1; L Tomkewycz & L Cook 54.5; D Bradley & S Edwards 55.

4BBB Stableford 'Mad March' Open: B Cambridge & D Cambridge (Duvids Heath GC) 45; K Fairclough (Pfor Hayes GC) & A Moores (Runcorn GC) 43 (69); G Jones & J Waldron (Welshpool GC) 43 (69).

Ladies' Medal Division 1 Winner: B Cadwallader 88-14=74. Runner Up: S Bonsall 96-19=77; Division 2 Winner: S Griffiths 104-24=80. Runner Up: A Evans 109-26=83; Division 3 Winner: M Andrew 118-36=82. Runner Up: B Griffiths 119-32=87.

Coronation Foursomes Stableford: A Weetman & S Kime 34pts; D Grey and A Hindmarch 31pts; J Line and C Wilkinson 30pts.

OSWESTRY

Ladies' March Stableford Silver Division: A Kynaston 33pts; R Wigley 29pts; J Thomell 28pts. Bronze Division: E Gill 33pts; S Weaver 32pts; M Batho 28pts. Upper Bronze Division: G Baines Jones 32pts; S Baxter 30pts; J Williams 26pts. Club Division: L Desiring 21pts.

SHREWSBURY

Winter Stableford Division 1: A Birch 39pts; D Mitchell 39pts; D Sharpe 39pts; Division 2: M Tiley 40pts; J Jones 40 pts; D Wellings 39pts.

Daves Riddell Foursomes: T and R Harding 72; S Haylett and J Harris 72.5; M James and D Lowndes 73.

THE BROW

Members Competition Winner: K Abbott 34pts (on back 9); T Brough 34; P Barker 28.

Hawkstone pro Williams gets PGA honour

FORMER European Tour golfer and current Hawkstone Park professional Keith Williams has been appointed PGA Midlands captain.

The 61-year-old will take on the role for the next 12 months.

"It's quite a honour and I'm chuffed to have been made captain," said Williams, who played in the same Shropshire sides as Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam as a youngster.

"I got my jacket and tie last week and I'm looking forward to representing the PGA. It's given as recognition of achievements either locally or nationally."

The Midlands region covers Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire.

Williams played at the World Cup of Golf in 1982 where he represented Wales with Woosnam.

He was a coach with England Golf from 1994 to 2005 and also coached Shropshire's Scott Drummond for 17 years, including when he won the 2004 PGA Championship at Wentworth.

Open day at bowling club

YE OLDE CROFTE Bowling Club is looking for new members for the new season by staging an open day and reducing the price of its annual subscription.

The club, that plays in the Oswestry and District Bowling League, has three teams, including one solely for veteran players.

The club has an open day this Saturday, April 1 (from 2pm), where anyone interested in playing the sport can attend. Contact Tom Davies on 01691 659904.

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New Saints target a third trophy treble

THE New Saints look to move a step closer to a 'treble' treble when they tackle old adversaries Gap Connah's Quay in Saturday's Welsh Cup semi-final at the Bangor University Stadium (2.30).

Having claimed three domestic trophies for the last two seasons, the Saints are well on course to repeat the feat this term having already lifted the Nathaniel MG Cup and the Dafabet Welsh Premier.

Next up is the Welsh Cup, but standing in their way are Connah's Quay who ran out 2-1 winners when the sides met in the league just last week.

In the final, the victors will meet either Bala Town, who are currently in second spot in the Welsh Premier, or Cymru Alliance side Caernarfon Town.

TNS will want to put the record straight after their loss to the Nomads, with boss Craig Harrison insisting that the result - only their second league defeat of the season - will have no bearing on this weekend's tussle.

"They beat us the other week, so it's going to be a tough game with a place in the final at stake," he said.

"But we made five of six changes that night which we were always going to do. It was a very direct game on a difficult surface, and it was one of those games when neither side were great.

"We will be a different proposition on Saturday at Bangor which is the best grass pitch in the league by miles.

"We want to defend the trophy which we have won for the last three years, and it is a competition that is close to my heart. Even now, it has been a fantastic season, and winning the treble again would really top it off."

TNS expect to be at full strength with left back Chris Marriott back in contention after missing last week.

Meanwhile, Premier League club Middlesbrough have handed a week's trial to Saints defender Ryan Pryce, amid interest from Sunderland and Stoke City.

The 19-year-old attacking full-back has already made 19 full and nine substitute appearances in the Welsh Premier.

Cricketers start the new season at home

NEWLY promoted Montgomery and Welshpool both start with home encounters next month in the Hensalls Shropshire Cricket League division one.

Monty, who went up as champions, entertain Beacon in the season opener on Saturday April 29, while runners-up Pool welcome Forton.

In the 12-team league, they will join Knockin & Kinnerley who are home to Condober in their first outing.

In division two, ELLESMERE open with a trip to Prees on April 29, while hosting Church Stretton the week after.

CAE GLAS, who have stepped down to division three this term, are at home to Calverhall at Gatacre for their first outing on April 29, before visiting Trysull & Seisdon the week after.

First day division one fixtures, April 29: Knockin & Kinnerley v Condober, Montgomery v Beacon, Wroxeter Grove v Shelton, Lilleshall v Cound, Bomere Heath v Alberbury, Welshpool v Forton

Saturday May 6: Forton v Bomere Heath, Alberbury v Lilleshall, Cound v Wroxeter Grove, Shelton v Montgomery, Beacon v Knockin & Kinnerley, Condober v Welshpool.

PAKISTAN PACE ACE JOINS OS

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

PAKISTANI paceman **Sadaf Hussain** will spearhead **Oswestry's** bowling attack this summer as the club pull out all the stops to regain their place in the **Birmingham Cricket League** division one.

The 27-year-old left-arm, who stands 6ft 5ins, has signed a contract with the Morda Road club who will be keeping their fingers crossed he will make their first game of the season on Saturday, April 29.

Hussain has taken 311 First Class wickets at an average of 18.18, with five wickets in an innings 22 times and 10 wickets in a match on five occasions. He has also dismissed 99 batsmen in one-day cricket.

Test team

He plays for Rawalpindi - the same club as 100mph pace bowler Shoaib Akhtar - and his best analysis is the 9-35 he took against HBK in 2011.

The quickie has featured for Pakistan A and has been on the verge of selection for the full Test team on several occasions. He toured the West Indies with the Pakistan one-day international and T20 squad in 2011.

In the last two English seasons, Hussain has played in the North Staffs and South Cheshire League, where he has taken 143 wickets at an average of 10.36.

"It's a great coup for the club to land a player of Sadaf's First Class experience," said Oswestry skipper Robbie Clarke.

"Not only is he a fine bowler, he is a Level 2 coach, and he will be coaching the First XI as well as our ever-growing junior section. "All we've got to worry



New signing Sadaf Hussain

Caitlin sets sights on black belt



Caitlin McCourt and her new Tae Kwon-Do belt

FOLLOWING months of hard work and training Oswestry School's Year 6 Bellan House pupil Caitlin McCourt has received her red belt with black stripe in Tae Kwon-Do.

The grading was performed in front of Master Gianni Peros, the top Master in the UK, where Caitlin showcased her mastered techniques and specialist knowledge.

Caitlin now has six months to work towards her attaining black belt grading in Bristol on

October 15 when, with luck, she will become a 1st Dan.

Along with perfecting all the previous patterns and the new black belt pattern Caitlin will need to know the thinking and meaning behind the moves as well as the associated Korean language.

Caitlin must also attend three special classes with Masters around the country during the month before the grading.

about now is getting him into the country.

"There's a lot of red tape involved these days in bringing in a player from overseas, and the regulations have been tightened up this year.

"But if everything goes to plan he'll be here in time to play in our opening game at C and R Hawks on the last Saturday on April."

Hussain is the fourth major signing for Oswestry during the close season, and he follows batsman Chris Woodcock and teenage quickie Roman Walker from Marchwiel and Wrexham, and the return of wicketkeeper Dean Suter from Shelton.

"There's another young all-rounder who might

Boss insists Llanfair can escape drop

MANAGER Rhys Stephens insists his Llanfair United side can still escape the drop from the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance as they prepare for Saturday's crunch home clash against basement rivals Mold Alex (2.30pm).

With six games left, United continue to prop up the table after being pegged back 2-2 by visitors Holywell Town last week.

The draw left them facing a real challenge as they now need nine points to escape the bottom four with six games remaining.

But Stephens says his side must believe they can climb the table in the coming games, while taking heart from his side's plucky display against Holywell.

"We're confident we can stay up, we have to believe we can," he said. "We've still got six games left, which is a fifth of the season, so there are plenty of points on the table.

"Apart from Mold, all the other sides we face have nothing to play for, and there is still a chance.

"We've now got Mold which is a massive game. As well as getting points for ourselves, we also need a good result to keep them down the table."

Llanfair's postponed clash at Denbigh Town due to be played last midweek has now been rearranged for Wednesday, April 12.

GUILDFIELD face a tough trip to newly-crowned champions Prestatyn Town as they look to give their season a shot in the arm.

Their form has dipped since the turn of the year, with a 1-1 draw at lowly Buckley Town underlining their problems.

Manager Dan Barton, who had to play last week despite injury, expects his team to raise their level against a Prestatyn side that has won the league at a canter.

"It's a good game to look forward to. They are the champions, so we can go there and look to express ourselves," he said.

Town double blow as defenders out

FC OSWESTRY Town have a defensive headache for one of their longest trips of the season on Saturday when they head to Barrow to take on Holker Old Boys in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one.

Defensive lynchpins Al Morris and Rob Shone are both sidelined due to work, and boss Mike Barton admits they will be missed.

"Holker are a big, physical side, so it is a blow to to be without your two centre-halves," he said. "They are big players for us.

"We've got Sam Ottley to come back in, and we may have to shuffle the side."

After their comfortable 3-0 win against AFC Blackpool, Barton will be looking to maintain the momentum against another side lying below them in the league.

"We've now got 50 points, and we want to go on and pick up as many points as we can," Barton said.

Having won 4-2 at home to Holker last month, the Oswestry side will be out to complete a double when they travel to Cumbria this weekend.

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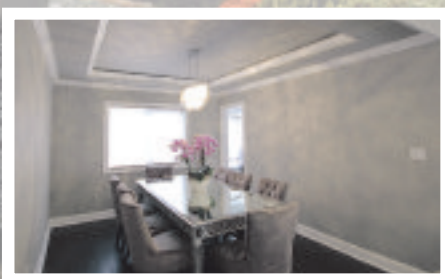
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